

Important Definitions

Arrival: The term “Arrival” shall refer to the time at which animal and ag mechanics projects (projects) may arrive at Gate 2 or 3 depending on the event. Exhibitors will be given further directions on stalling and unloading procedures upon arrival.

Arrival Deadline: The term “Arrival Deadline” or “In Place” shall refer to the time at which Projects must have arrived at either Gate 2 or 3 depending on the event. Projects not having arrived by the Arrival Deadline of the respective show/contest are subject to disqualification.

AST/CEA: Agricultural Science Teacher (FFA Supervisor) / County Extension Agent (4-H Supervisor)

Club/Chapter: County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter

Exhibitor Check-In/Process/Paper-Check: These terms shall refer to the time allotted for exhibitors to provide necessary information (ex. Registration Papers, Animal Entry, Weight Cards, etc.) to Show Management for their respective show/contest. Some shows may require exhibitors to input animal information into an online check-in or kiosk system. Exhibitors who fail to complete the check-in requirements for their respective show/contest are subject to disqualification.

Late Arrival: The term “Late Arrival” shall refer to rare exceptions to the Arrival Deadline approved exclusively by Show Management. Exhibitors should contact the respective Show Superintendent prior to the arrival deadline of the respective show to request a Late Arrival. Show Management is in no way required to approve Late Arrival requests.

Project: The term “project” shall be defined as any animal, agricultural mechanics project, creative arts exhibit, or any entries in the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo

Release: The term “Release” shall refer to the time at which exhibitors may remove their Projects and tack from the grounds. Projects removed prior to the Release time are subject to disqualification and forfeiture of all premiums and awards.

Show Management: The term “Show Management” shall be defined as any full-time staff member of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo, show/contest Superintendent(s), Standing Volunteer Committee Chairman, or Livestock Committee member.

Tack: The term “Tack” shall refer to any vehicle or vehicle/trailer combination associated with animal projects transporting tack/equipment only. Show Management reserves the right to determine what constitutes an acceptable tack truck.

TSF: The term “TSF” means Tri-State Fair & Rodeo produced by the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition

GENERAL RULES

Statement of Liability

Your entry and participation in the TSF is conditioned on your understanding and agreement that none of the Amarillo Tri-State Fair & Exposition Management, Directors, Officers, Volunteers, Partners (General and Limited), or Employees shall have any liability whatsoever for any loss, damage, destruction or personal injury to any exhibitors or patrons or their personal property, merchandise or animals before, during or after such an event. Specifically, the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, injury or property damage which may occur to any exhibitor, owner or attendee even if such incident is caused by, or alleged to have been caused by, in whole or in part, the negligence or gross negligence of the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition. Each exhibitor and/or owner will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by the owner or exhibitor. **THE EXHIBITOR AND/OR OWNER INDEMNIFY THE AMARILLO TRI-STATE EXPOSITION AGAINST ALL LEGAL OR OTHER PROCEEDINGS IN REGARD THERETO, AS WELL AS DAMAGE OR INJURY TO ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY, CAUSED BY THE ANIMAL OR ARTICLE EXHIBITED EVEN IF THE INCIDENT IS CAUSED BY, OR ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF AMARILLO TRI-STATE EXPOSITION.** The Amarillo Tri-State Exposition will not be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from or caused by strikes, riots, pandemics, lockouts or acts of God.

Civil Authority Evacuation

The TSF, along with all other large venue and public gathering places and events around the country, has been advised by Federal, State, and Local Authorities that an emergency evacuation of the premises may be ordered by any of those authorities at any time. This decision would be driven by information available to those authorities that (1) may not be available to the TSF, or classified by the law enforcement authorities, and therefore the TSF could not share it with our exhibitors; (2) could arise out of an actual or threatened act of terrorism; (3) or arise from any number of other public safety concerns the authorities have for the safety of the public at our event.

If an evacuation order occurs, you will be asked to leave the premises immediately. Your cooperation is not only required by law but for your own safety and the safety of other members of the public at the show. Local law enforcement officers will direct the evacuation. We are further advised that any evacuation will be for persons only and no other property, animals, trailers or anything but your immediate means of transportation will be allowed off the premises. This is for the purpose of achieving the most timely and efficient clearing of the public from the threatened area. Do not attempt to load personal property, merchandise, animals, or anything but yourself and your family and friends into your vehicle and leave the premises immediately. In the unfortunate event that an evacuation must occur, the TSF will do everything possible to care for personal property, animals, commercial exhibitors' merchandise, etc. until the authorities remove the evacuation order and you are allowed back onto the fairgrounds. No one will be allowed back on to the fairgrounds until the authorities issue that order. Local law enforcement will enforce the order strictly and in accordance with instructions from the authorities.

**WARNING UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE),
A LIVESTOCK SHOW SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF
A PARTICIPANT IN A LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF
LIVESTOCK SHOW ACTIVITIES.**

1. Administration of Rules and Rule Violations: The Amarillo Tri-State Fair & Exposition reserves to its Executive Board the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incidental to the Fair, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalties as the Executive Board may order.

2. Special Rules: Special rules or conditions are published in each department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any department and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern. To be eligible for entry, exhibitors and their exhibits must also meet and adhere to the requirements of Special Rules listed under the appropriate department(s).

3. Project Care: Exhibitors/contestants with animal must remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show at all times. If needed, the exhibitor may have a competent caretaker (must be an immediate family member of the exhibitor, other 4-H/FFA member, or AST/CEA) care for the project(s). However, the exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). Show Management reserves the right to decide what constitutes acceptable treatment of animal projects. Unacceptable treatment of animal projects will not be tolerated and could result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitor along with his or her club/chapter.

4. Project Security: All owners or persons in charge of property, or livestock, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the TSF does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof. All exhibitors are responsible for security of their own animal/project(s) for the entire duration they are on the grounds. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). The TSF is not responsible for the acts of a third party

5. Exhibitor/Contestant Behavior: The TSF does not condone and will not permit aggressive behavior towards animals or any other persons including Show Management. Any exhibitor or anyone assisting an exhibitor (parent/AST/CEA/fitter/family member, etc.) is not allowed to aggressively pop, slap, hit, or strike any animal at any time during the show or at any place on the grounds. Any aggressive or unwarranted behavior by an exhibitor or anyone assisting an exhibitor towards another individual will not be tolerated. If such behavior is witnessed, it may result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitor, and/or forfeiture of all fees, premiums, and awards. In certain cases, the exhibitor or associated persons may be banned from the grounds and/or any future competition. Protests are not permitted.

Entry Information

6. Entry Invitation: This is an invitational event where Show Management reserves the right to extend, conditionally accept, or fully reject an entry from any exhibitor(s). Competition is open to the world, with the exception of certain Youth Shows/Contests as outlined in their Special Rules.

7. Youth Show/Contest Eligibility Requirements: Youth Show/Contests must be satisfy all of the outlined criteria. Unless defined in the Special Rules, exhibitors must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors may enter as either a 4-H or FFA member, but not as both in the same Department. To be eligible, boys or girls must be enrolled in, and attending, public, private or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas at time of show; be between the ages of 9 and 18 on August 31, 2022, or be between 8 and in the third grade on August 31, 2022. Exhibitors must be bona fide residents of the State of Texas (unless Special Rules specify otherwise), and in some cases may be restricted to exhibitors who reside in certain counties.

8. Youth Show/Contest Academic Eligibility: All 4-H and FFA exhibitors are considered to be academically eligible by the TSF to participate in the Junior Livestock Show at the time entries are received from the AST/CEA. Any AST/CEA who has a member in his/her 4-H or FFA program who becomes ineligible to participate in the Youth Show/Contest according to Texas Education Code must provide written and signed notification to Show Management at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of Check-In/Registration for the respective show/contest. If such notification is not received at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of Check-In/Registration, the TSF will consider the exhibitor as eligible to participate.

9. Entry Process: When applicable in certain shows/contests, entries must be made via TSF online entry system. For questions regarding the entry process, please call the Tri-State Fair office.

10. Entry Fees: Certain shows/contests may include an entry fee. This fee is expected to be submitted in full along with the exhibitor's entry forms. There will be a \$35.00 service fee for all returned checks. The TSF has the right to ban any exhibitor or club/chapter from future participation should there be a continuous problem with entry fees.

11. Exhibitor Signature(s): Each exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian if the exhibitor is a minor) must sign the signature form indicating that he/she have read, understand, and will abide by the rules and liability information outlined in the current year's TSF Catalog.

12. Completed Entry: Entries are not considered complete until all the necessary steps for entry in the respective show/contest have been followed. This shall include on-time online or paper submission (whichever is appropriate), completed signature(s), and fully paid entry fees. Only Completed Entries will be eligible for the respective show/contest.

13. Entry Deadlines: It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure they understand and abide by the entry deadlines for each show/contest they wish to participate in. Entries must be made online (if applicable) **and** postmarked by the entry deadline.

14. Late Entries: All Livestock, Open Cattle Late Entries and Youth Late Entries will be \$100 per entry (except Rabbits and Bantams). Absolutely no open or youth entries accepted after the first business day of September 2022.

15. Erroneous Entries: Exhibitors that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper class prior to judging by Show Management. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be reopened. In some cases, the entry may be disqualified for which refunds will not be considered.

16. Objectionable Exhibits: Show Management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal or project that may be falsely entered or deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning a reason therefore. All fees will be forfeited.

17. Refunds: There will be no refund or fees for any reason.

18. Limited Entries: The TSF reserves the right to limit the number of entries or restrict entries, in any way it deems necessary. Certain shows and contests may be restricted to exhibitors or entries that meet specified criteria

Ownership

19. Ownership: All animals must be entered in the name of the owners(s) as shown on the Registration Certificate. All parties in a multiple ownership must be on the entry form. Firms and partnerships must be in existence at the time of making entry. Custom fitters must be listed on the entry form in the appropriate space. For ownership of animals entered for competition in the Youth Shows, see special rules.

20. Joint Ownership: Jointly owned animals must be entered and shown under the multi-ownership (all co-owners) in the individual classes. In the Group classes, jointly owned animals may be entered and exhibited under the name of one of the co-owners provided the individual owns a full or part interest in each of the animals in the group entry.

21. Proof of Ownership and Registration: Exhibitors must be able to provide proof of ownership and registration as outlined in the Special Rules of the show/contest. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know and understand the rules of the show including, but not limited to, animal age requirements, ownership specifications, what constitutes proof of ownership, etc.

Credentials

22. Full Fair Exhibitor Grounds Pass: Each exhibitor will receive one (1) free Full Fair Exhibitor Grounds Pass valid for the duration of the TSF. Insofar as possible, exhibitors may purchase additional Full Fair Exhibitor Grounds Passes via online entry system and/or at the Fair. Each club/chapter will be issued one (1) free Full Fair Exhibitor Grounds Pass valid for the duration of the TSF for assistance supervising projects. Insofar as possible, ASTs/CEAs may purchase additional Full Fair Grounds Pass via online entry system and/or at the Fair.

Full Fair Exhibitor Grounds Pass = \$25

Daily Exhibitor Grounds Pass = \$5

23. Full Fair Exhibitor Parking Pass: Each exhibitor may purchase up to two (2) Full Fair Exhibitor parking passes. Each club/chapter will receive one (1) free Full Fair Exhibitor Parking pass and have the option to purchase two (2) additional passes.

Full Fair Exhibitor Parking = \$15

24. Parking Pass Stipulations – Full Fair Exhibitor Parking Passes are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis and are not guaranteed to be available at all times. Full Fair Exhibitor Parking Passes must be fully affixed to the windshield. Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or Show Management will have their entries disqualified without refund and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately.

25. Stalls: Insofar as possible, shelter will be provided by the Fair for projects. The TSF does not guarantee stall space to any entry. Certain stalling requests in extenuating circumstances may be granted, but no other general stalling requests will be considered. Exhibitors found deliberately attempting to gain more stalls than appropriate will be subject to punishment from Show Management including, but not limited to, disqualification, removal from the grounds, banning from future competition, etc. No early arrivals are allowed without permission from the Show Management.

Horse Stalls = \$20/per stall/per night

Tack Stalls = \$25/per stall/per night

26. Stalls/Pens/Alleys: Pens will not be taken apart or altered in any way. No lights, tarps, covers, heat lamps are to be strung on the stalls, pens, or alleys.

27. Bedding/Feed: Insofar as possible, some bedding will be provided by the TSF for projects. Additional shavings must be purchased from the TSF. Only shavings will be used as bedding in all livestock and equine buildings. Straw/hay for bedding is prohibited in cattle stalls and Tie-Out area. Discretion as to what constitutes acceptable bedding is held exclusively by Show Management.

Shavings = \$11 per bag (2 bag minimum or horse stalls)

28. Show Equipment: Any equipment brought on the grounds to be used in exhibitor's stall or space must comply with and be used in compliance with all Federal, State and Municipal occupational safety and health regulations. Show Management has complete authority to determine what is appropriate show equipment. Any exhibitor who refuses to cooperate with Show Management in this matter will have their exhibit/project immediately removed from the grounds and will forfeit all fees and premiums.

29. Fans: Fans will only be allowed in the Cattle Barn. Fans behind cattle are not allowed.

30. Grooming Chutes: Chutes will be allowed in the livestock barn away from walls. Exhibitors are to follow the direction of Show Management as to when/where to set up grooming chutes.

Judging Process

31. Exhibitor Substitution: A substitute showman in the youth show must be a 4-H or FFA member with an animal entered in that division and from the same chapter or county.

32. Prompt Arrival: It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor/contestant to arrive promptly for competition. Show Management is in no way liable for exhibitors who show up late or miss their assigned competition. Show Management reserves the right to determine cut off times for competition for which their will be no appeal or protest.

33. Classes: Show Management reserves the right to combine, split or cancel classes at its discretion in all departments of the TSF.

34. Decisions: The decision of the judge(s) shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at or before the time of the award, is proven. If any exhibitor or his representative interferes with the judges or shows disrespect to them or the TSF, Show Management may withhold from the exhibitor any premiums that may have been awarded or take any other steps deemed desirable.

35. Restraint/Unruly Animals: Exhibitor and patron safety are a top priority. Cattle must be shown with halter and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by one attendant. If exhibition of a project poses a danger to the exhibitor and/or other parties, Show Management reserves the right to allow a substitute exhibitor or remove the project from competition and/or the grounds; there will be no appeal.

36. Official Protests: Official Protests must be submitted in writing to a member of Show Management and accompanied by a deposit of \$250 in cash, which will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld. Such protest must plainly and clearly state the cause for the protest and must be delivered to Show Management immediately after the person(s) protesting are made aware of the alleged infraction. Any protest specific to the eligibility of an exhibitor or animal must be filed at least 12 hours prior to the time that the animal is to be judged. Only exhibitors in the department, parents, legal guardians of the exhibitor in the department, AST or CEA who have members with exhibits in this department, the superintendent of the department and the CEO Amarillo Tri-State Exposition may file a protest. Any protest filed will be referred to the CEO and Executive Board (as necessary), who will have the full power to act, and from whose decision there can be no appeal. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.

Animal Exhibitors Code of Ethics

37. Unethically Fitted Livestock: The showing of unethically fitted animals or animals of any ineligible age for exhibition is prohibited. The TSF expects exhibitors to maintain the highest standards of animal husbandry and fair competition, and reserves the right to determine that practices unspecified in this rule may constitute unethical fitting. By entering an animal in the TSF, every exhibitor is deemed to have consented to inspection of the animal by any veterinarians or other officials to which the TSF has delegated the power to inspect animals and is deemed to have agreed to have such animals submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by TSF. To the extent factual disputes may arise regarding any issue of unethical fitting, the TSF Show Management may resolve and determine such factual disputes utilizing whatever procedures the TSF may establish from time to time at its complete discretion. Refusal by an exhibitor to submit an animal to examination or testing shall automatically be grounds for disqualification. Participation in the exhibition of show animals at the TSF is a privilege extended to qualified exhibitors, not a right.

Drug Residue Avoidance

38. Drug Residue Avoidance Policy: It is the policy of the TSF to prevent the usage of illegal, unapproved or unethical drugs or any improper foreign substance in animals entered for exhibit at the TSF. The TSF reserves the right to limit or exclude the benefits of participation by any exhibitor determined by the TSF to be in violation of this policy. Without limiting the generality above, the TSF sets out the following rules and guidelines for exhibitors

39. Drug Residue Certification Statement: As a condition of participation in the TSF, each animal exhibitor agrees that unapproved foreign substances have not been administered to their animals before or during the TSF.

40. Drug Residue Testing: TSF reserves the right to test any exhibition animal at its discretion. Testing may be performed by TSF Show Management, with or without the knowledge of the entrant. Further, TSF reserves the right to perform a post-mortem examination of any animal which dies at the TSF. If a post-mortem examination is ordered by the TSF, the expense of the post-mortem is to be paid by the exhibitor. By entering an animal to show at the Fair, the exhibitor is deemed to have consented to this rule and all testing procedures conducted by TSF. The TSF will pay for the first test. If protested, then the exhibitor will pay for the second test.

41. Drug Residue Testing Process: The TSF expects to delegate its sample collection, testing procedures and laboratory analysis procedures to reasonably qualified individuals, veterinarians and/or technicians. The conclusions reached by such person(s), as to whether an animal has been administered an unapproved foreign substance including, without limitation, diuretics, unapproved growth stimulants or other unapproved medications shall be final. By entering animals in the TSF, exhibitors agree that such conclusions are final and waive any recourse against the persons conducting any test or analysis, and waive recourse against the TSF or anyone within Show Management.

42. Drug Residue Testing Recourse: The TSF reserves the right to adopt, in its discretion and on a case-by-case basis, if it so desires, appropriate sanctions for any violation of these rules. At minimum, any animal testing positive for an unapproved foreign substance will be disqualified and declared ineligible to receive awards, premium money or sales proceeds. Further, the TSF may declare the exhibitor ineligible for further participation in the current TSF in which he or she is entered with other animals and in any or all future TSF events. In addition, the TSF may declare the same or greater ineligibility for members of the exhibitor's immediate family. Further, if the TSF has reasonable cause to believe that such violation was sanctioned, approved or aided by a sponsor, fitter, advisor, or other person(s) associated with the individual the TSF may declare such person(s) ineligible for future participation.

43. Drug Residue Results Communication: By entering the TSF, the exhibitor agrees that the TSF may exchange information about the exhibitor with other shows and, further, may disclose, communicate or publish the results of any tests to officials of other exhibitions, to sponsoring county organizations of schools, to law enforcement officials and the press.

44. Final Standings: If an entry is disqualified under this rule, no changes will be made in the placing of other animals.

Premiums & Awards

45. Premiums Payout: Insofar as possible, premium monies will be distributed by the TSF at the time of the event. In some cases, premiums may be held until all funds from all sources are received by the TSF. If premiums are to be reissued for any reason, a \$35 fee per check will be subtracted from the total.

46. Premiums & Awards: The TSF will not be responsible or liable for lost premium monies and/or awards. Premiums & awards not claimed during the event will not be mailed. After 60 days, all unclaimed premiums & awards will be forfeited.

Other

47. Trailer Parking: Insofar as possible, the TSF will identify a location where exhibitors can park their trailer. Parking trailers at this location(s) will be at the full and complete discretion of the exhibitors and the TSF shall have no liability whatsoever for any loss, damage, destruction or personal injury to any exhibitors or patrons or their property, merchandise or animal at the identified lot.

48. Photographs: Exhibitors agree to present their project(s) at the request of show officials for official photographs. All photographs taken by the official photographer(s) become the property of the TSF. Exhibitors wishing to purchase photographs must contact the Official Photographer. Commercial photography and filming are often conducted at the TSF. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any TSF event, and by entering the grounds and/or competitive events associated with the TSF, you consent to the use of any depictions in connection with advertising, news reporting, public relations, webcasts or other broadcasts, or any other activities relating to the TSF, and you further release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity with respect thereto.

49. Scales: Insofar as possible, scales will be provided by the show in all barns but are unofficial and provided for exhibitor's convenience only.

50. Pets: No pets are allowed on grounds.

51: Concessions and Sales: Nothing shall be sold or given away or otherwise disposed of by exhibitors which would conflict with, or which is subject matter of, any privilege of the concessionaire or vendors granted by the TSF.