

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DIVISION RULES

1. All entries in Junior Livestock Division are subject to the General Rules and Regulations and to these Division Rules. In the event of a conflict between these Division Rules and the General Rules and Regulations, the provisions of these Division Rules shall prevail.
2. Participation in this division is limited to projects owned, fed, and cared for by Washington County 4-H or FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the County Agents and Ag-Science Teachers.
3. Junior livestock exhibitors who show junior livestock project(s) in the Washington County Fair must, for the entire duration of the feeding period, (defined as tag-in date until fair closing date):
 - a. Live in Washington County, or;
 - b. Attend school at a Washington County school, or;
 - c. Be enrolled in an appropriately qualifying Home School Program, and;
 - d. Be a Washington County 4-H member, or;
 - e. Be an FFA member that is enrolled, attending, and in good standing in a Washington County school that has an FFA chapter chartered.
4. Exhibitors must be an FFA or 4-H member, and must be enrolled, attending, and in good standing with one of the above-mentioned schools.
5. Junior Livestock Exhibitors suspended under the Texas Education Code 33.081 “No Pass, No Play” are ineligible to participate in any Washington County Fair activity, event or competition. Any animal entered in the Junior Livestock Division by an ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition.
6. Any youth that is interested in showing in the Washington County Fair must be in the third (3rd - 12th) grade, minimum age 8 and maximum age 18 in accordance with 4-H Rules. All third graders wanting to show in the Washington County Fair will need to note that some projects will need to be purchased while in the second (2nd) grade. Upon the purchase and start of the project, these members are required to attend the mandatory weigh-in/tag-in programs and educational programs relating to their projects.
7. 4 - H and FFA members must have joined a Washington County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter by **the ownership deadline of their Fair project and must attend 50 % of their 4 - H Club or FFA Chapter meetings.** Exhibitors must show their project under a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter that they are a member in good standing of at the time of the fair. (NOTE – Any Exhibitor that joins FFA at the beginning of a high school year must show under 4-H and must have attended at least 50% of their 4-H Club meetings unless they were an active Junior FFA member.)
8. Exhibitors are required to meet attendance requirements of the club or chapter entered under.

9. A Washington County Fair exhibitor may participate in only one County Junior Livestock show in Texas during the current calendar year, September 1 to August 31.
10. **Family tag-in** is permitted if all siblings and step-siblings are living in the same household.
11. Entry applications are required to be submitted online at <https://washtx.fairwire.com/> in accordance with the instructions thereon. **Each project entry will have a \$25 fee, payable online at the time of entry. All entry fees are non-refundable.** Project entry dates are as follows:

PROJECT	REGISTRATION/ENTRY DEADLINE	TAG-IN/ORDER DATES
Colts	March 15, 2026	March 18, 2026
Commercial Steers	March 15, 2026	March 21, 2026
Commercial Heifers	March 15, 2026	March 28, 2026
Scramble Heifers	March 15, 2026	
Turkeys	March 15, 2026	April 15, 2026
Steers	May 15, 2026	June 6, 2026
Barrows	May 15, 2026	June 6, 2026
Carcass Hogs	May 15, 2026	June 6, 2026
Market Lambs	May 15, 2026	June 6, 2026
Market Goats	May 15, 2026	June 6, 2026
Broilers	May 15, 2026	June 18, 2026
Rabbits	May 15, 2026	August 9, 2026

*In the event an exhibitor misses the online entry deadline for his/her species, they may enter up until the tag in date/order date for that species for a \$100 late fee. **This date is the absolute late entry deadline.** The late fee is in addition to the normal fees of each species, and is applied per exhibitor, per species entered.*

12. Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement and Drug Certification Form must be signed by the exhibitor and parent/guardian. No Junior Livestock Division entry will be allowed to show without this form being completed.
13. The act of entering an animal in the Junior Livestock Division is the giving of verification by the exhibitor and parent/guardian that they have read the Washington County Fair Association Code of Show Ring Ethics, General and Junior Livestock Division and Species' Rules and understands the consequences of and penalties provided by the actions prohibited by the code.
14. Undesirable and/or sifted (including under/overweight) animals will be removed from the Fair before judging. Any animals not removed by designated time will become property of the Washington County Fair Association and sold. The Fair Manager (after consultation with the project committee) will have absolute authority in determining the fitness of livestock, rabbit and poultry to remain in the show and sale.
15. Only Washington County Fair, state validation, and government mandated ear tags will be allowed on any Junior Livestock Division project.
16. Exhibitors must be present to show their project, but if absent due to conflicting Fair events or illness, another Washington County 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock exhibitor may show their project provided the substitute showman has been approved by the respective committee chairperson before showing the project. Injury or medical conditions or immediate family emergency are considered on a case-by-case basis.
17. An exhibitor must exhibit all of his/her entries in all phases of competition (not including showmanship) including their specified class and for alternate selections. Failure to comply will disqualify the exhibitor from the Junior Livestock Show and the Junior Livestock Sale.
18. 4-H/FFA members are responsible to care for (feed, water, etc.) all their projects during the Fair. Coops, pens, stalls, and aisle must be kept clean at all times. Failure to comply with this rule will result in projects removal from the show. If sold, the exhibitor's check will be withheld and/or animal(s) will be confiscated and become property of the Washington County Fair Association and being banded from participation in next year's Washington County Fair.
19. The Junior Livestock Sale will consist of two-hundred sixty (260) exhibitors. All sale lots will be sold by the head or pen. Sale lots will be determined using the approved sale formula, and allocated after all entries have arrived at the Fair and are duly qualified.
20. All barrows, broilers, lambs, rabbits, turkeys, steers and goats making the Junior Livestock Sale will be sold on a terminal basis. A buyer's only choice of disposition of the animal will either be local slaughter or resale through the Washington County Fair Association. Animals which do not make the Junior Livestock Sale will be released as posted.
21. 4-H/FFA exhibitors can sell only one (1) project in the Junior Livestock Sale, unless the rule below (#23) applies to that exhibitor.
22. All Grand and Reserve Champions must sell.

23. All qualified projects must sell. Exhibitors having more than one (1) project eligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale must sell their project that is first called for in the Sale Order, unless rule #22 applies.
24. To be eligible for a showmanship award in any division, an exhibitor must be a participating exhibitor in that division and show their own animal. When species showmanship divisions are awarded, they will be as follows:
 - a. Junior 3rd thru 5th Grade
 - b. Intermediate 6th thru 8th Grade
 - c. Senior 9th thru 12th Grade
25. An exhibitor must own 100% of their project throughout the feeding period (family tag-in included), starting at the initial tag-in date. An exhibitor must feed and care for their project in Washington County at their own facility, or at a facility approved by fair management. Other than for show (prospect, breed association or showmanship show) or basic management purposes (vet, foot trimming, etc.), any projects leaving the county or the approved facility during the feeding period must have permission of their respective committee chairperson. Violation of this rule will cause the exhibitor and project to be disqualified from the Junior Livestock Division. Chairpersons, their designee and/or fair management will have the authority to inspect the exhibitor's project(s) at the location declared upon at tag-in.
26. All exhibitors with sale entries are responsible for their livestock, rabbits or poultry during the Sale. Exhibitors must be present when their entry is sold, but if not present, another exhibitor may show their sale entry. If absent because of illness or other legitimate excuse, a junior exhibitor may ask another 4H/FFA Washington County Fair Exhibitor to handle the sale order entry. The exhibitor must notify and obtain permission from their committee chairperson of the substitution. If the seller has not obtained permission and has no excuse for his/her absence deemed valid by a majority of the Junior Livestock Division chairpersons, his/her Sale entry will be subject to an additional 25% penalty. The amount of that penalty will be retained by the Washington County Fair Association.
27. **ALL SALES THAT ARE TENDED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION ARE FINAL. There will be no "re-sale" of lots from the auction block in any junior auctions conducted by the Washington County Fair Association.**
28. A 6% commission will be retained by the Fair on all Junior Auctions.
29. Ear tags and wing bands must be left in place. Removal is prohibited unless done under the authorization of a committee chair due to a health concern (infected ear).
30. Any animal project tagged in for the Washington County Fair may only be tagged for one (1) specific species show. (Commercial Steer **OR** Market Steer, Carcass Hog **OR** Market Barrow)
31. Decorations of Junior Livestock Sale projects or commercial heifers for the auction are prohibited. Animals must be presented for auction in their natural show state.
32. The Junior Livestock Division is designed to be educational and beneficial to its exhibitors. Any Exhibitor or their Parent/Guardian not adhering to the General, Junior Livestock or

Division rules may ban that Exhibitor from participating in the Washington County Fair for a time determined by the Washington County Fair Association's Board of Directors.

33. Following the Fair, a note will be sent to all Junior Livestock Sales exhibitors listing their buyers and add-on contributors, along with their name, address and phone number, sale/add-on amount. **All Junior Livestock exhibitors must write Thank You Letters to their buyers, add-on contributors and award sponsors.** All thank-you letters must be submitted to the Fair Office in a **pre-stamped** envelope, complete with buyer's name and address, and exhibitor's name and return address for approval by **October 23, 2026** no later than **4:30 p.m.** **Letters received after that time through October 30, 2026 (one week) will be assessed a 1% penalty on the Sale Price of their project(s).** **Letters received after October 30, 2026 will be assessed an additional 1% per day on the Sale Price of their project(s) until the letter is received.** All checks will be available to the exhibitor (or the guardian listed on the fair online entry) **at the fair office from 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM on November 2, 3 and 4, 2026** provided thank you letters to buyers and sponsors were submitted to the Fair Office. If drug results are pending on tested animals, those checks will be held until all drug results are complete and any disputes resolved.
34. All County Agricultural Agents and Ag-Science Teachers serve as advisory members to all committees in the Junior Livestock Division.
35. Drug Rules - All exhibitors and their Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must sign, submit and agree to provisions of see Release of Liability & Indemnity and Drug Certification Agreement.
36. Disclaimer of Warranties: The Washington County Fair Association expressly disclaims any expressed or implied warranties (including merchantability), whether the goods or service are provided by the Washington County Fair Association or by others (such as drug testing). The Washington County Fair Association does not provide security or guard services and is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Exhibitors and exhibitor's parents/guardians agree that the Washington County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal(s) tests positive for any drug even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents/guardians are innocent of any wrong doing and had no role in the administration of the drug shown by the drug test. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Washington County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.
37. The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting means any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of its carcass. No change in the major color pattern of an animal by painting or dyeing will be allowed.
38. The act of filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method (past the esophagus) is prohibited.
39. If an exhibitor, parent/guardian of an exhibitor, or their representative interferes with the judges, committee members, or the show, the Fair Manager may exclude the Exhibitor, Parent/Guardian, Family or Representative from participation in any or all events at the Fair for a period of time deemed appropriate (as determined by the Board of Directors of the Washington County Fair Association) for the offense. The Washington County Fair

Association may withhold any and/or all monetary proceeds and other awards or take any other steps deemed necessary. In addition, no prospective exhibitor will be allowed to tag in any projects for the Washington County Fair if either themselves or their parent/guardian has an outstanding balance owed the fair association resulting from the current or any past Washington County Fair.

40. All Judge and Classifier decisions are final.