

SCHOLARSHIP CALF SCRAMBLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Superintendent: JT Naron

Entry Deadline: August 30, 2024, 5:00 pm

Scramble Time: 7:30 pm Saturday September 14, Taylor Telecom Arena

1. The EXPO CENTER OF TAYLOR COUNTY and the WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO of Abilene, Texas will not be responsible for any accidents connected to this contest.
2. Qualifications for contestants:
 - A. For senior students only who plan to attend technical school, junior college, or a four (4) year university.
 - B. 4-H and FFA members must reside in the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Eastland, Fisher, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Sterling, and Taylor.
 - C. Must have been actively participating in 4-H club activities for one year OR enrolled in Vocational Agriculture prior to scrambling.
 - D. Scholarship Scramblers must be on record as participating in the West Texas Fair & Rodeo in previous years.
3. The calf scramble will take place during the performance of the PRCA Pro Rodeo on Saturday, September 14th, 2023.
4. Twenty-five (25) contestants will compete. Contestants will be selected by 4-H and FFA supervisors.
5. Alternates: ONLY alternates that are present during rollcall will be considered for the scramble.
6. Ten (10) calves will be turned out into the arena.
7. Contestants and calves will be placed in the arena as determined by management.
8. Contestants will carry into the arena a halter with an attached ten (10) foot rope. Neither the halter or the rope will be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the calf in the usual way. The WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO will supply the halter and rope.
9. No shoes with spikes, cleats, or knobs on soles will be worn. No open-toed shoes will be worn. No slip-on shoes will be worn. Shoes must be cowboy boots or shoes with laces.
10. No jewelry, earrings, rings, necklaces, or large belt buckles will be worn. No large holes in pants or jeans will be allowed.
11. Contestants will not be allowed to work as a team. Each contestant will attempt to catch and halter one of the calves themselves. Each contestant catching a calf will be required to lead that calf across the finish line without aid. After catching a calf and placing a halter on the calf, the contestant will not be allowed to fasten the rope to themselves in any manner to aid in leading the calf across the finish line.
12. If a contestant has a hold on a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the calf until it breaks away.
13. If a contestant has caught and haltered a calf and the calf gets away, the contestant can re-catch the calf by the halter. However, once the calf gets free, it is available for anyone to catch – but not by the halter. The new contestant must catch the calf – not by the halter, take the old halter off, and re-halter the calf with their own halter.
14. If a calf is caught by the tail, the contestant catching the calf shall be allowed a reasonable amount of time to place the halter; however, at the discretion of the referee, the contestant will let the calf go.
15. If two or more contestants catch the same calf, they will be ordered by the referee to release the calf.
16. Poor sportsmanship will disqualify any contestant automatically and the referee will not tolerate undue roughness. Any mistreatment of an animal will not be tolerated and is grounds for disqualification.
17. This scramble will be refereed by a group of no less than four (4) referees.
18. The CEA/AST must submit applicants to scramble at the WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO REGULAR CALF SCRAMBLE no later than 5:00 pm on August 30, 2024. Only entries that have all paperwork (Entry Form and Release Form) submitted at the deadline will be considered to scramble. Entries can be submitted three ways:
 1. MAIL to: WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO
attn: Livestock Department
1700 HWY 36
Abilene, TX 79602
 2. HAND-DELIVERED to: Expo Center of Taylor County General Office, 1700 HWY 36, Abilene, TX 79602
 3. Or EMAILED to: mholder@expoctc.com
19. Each contestant must submit a Minor's Release to the WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO through their CEA/AST. After all releases are checked and accepted by the FAIR Office, contestants will be notified of their acceptance as a contestant and the dates and times of participation.

20. A tuition certificate will be issued to the first ten (10) contestants to catch a calf in the following amounts:

1st - \$1,000

2nd - \$1,000

3rd - \$750

4th - \$750

5th - \$500

6th - \$500

7th - \$500

8th - \$500

9th - \$250

10th - \$250

21. The tuition certificates will be mailed to the scholarship office at the school where the student is enrolled. The WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO will issue a check to that school. Scholarship requirements will be given to students who catch a calf.