SAN PATRICIO/ARANSAS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL & HOMEMAKERS SHOW GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS January 20- 27, 2024

GENERAL CONDUCT: Each Exhibitor, Parent, Ag Science Teacher, FCCLA Teacher, Extension Agent, and Adult Leader is on his honor to abide by the rules and report any violations to the A&H Show Board of Directors. Upon entry each individual agrees to read and comply with all the rules of the show as provided herein. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums or ribbons and be subject to punishment as the Board of Directors may order including a minimum penalty of loss to the resale value of the animal withheld from their sale proceeds, forfeiture of any premium money, exclusion from entry or exhibiting any or all individuals animals or a maximum penalty of permanent disbarment from participation in future shows. Penalties will be prescribed by the San Patricio/Aransas Counties A&H Show Board of Directors or it's duly appointed representatives.

1. The organization reserves to its board of directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters in regard here-to, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. The board will hold a general meeting in the month of March following the <u>2024</u> show. Any rule changes, additions, corrections, or decisions made or addressed by the board of advisors will be FINAL by an April meeting. No further changes will be made prior to the <u>2024</u> show. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premium or ribbons and be subject to punishment as the Board of Directors may order including a minimum penalty of loss to the resale value of the animal withheld from their sale proceeds, forfeiture of any premium money, exclusion from entry or exhibiting any or all individuals animals or a maximum penalty of permanent disbarment from participation in future shows. All protests must be made through the supervising Agricultural Science Teachers, FCCLA Teachers or County Extension Agents in a timely manner.

Any direct criticism or interference with judges, show management or county personnel on the part of any person is prohibited. Appropriate action will be taken by Board of Directors.

- Only bona-fide 4-H, Jr. FFA, FFA and FCCLA members who reside in or go to school in San Patricio or Aransas Counties or those who have received an exception as per Rule 28 are eligible to show, exhibit and/or sell in the San Patricio/Aransas County Agricultural and Homemakers Show. A bona-fide 4-H, Jr. FFA, FFA and FCCLA member is one who attends 60% of regular club meetings. High school seniors graduating in the fall semester preceding the show will be eligible to participate in the January show. 4-H, Jr. FFA, FFA and FCCLA members in third grade through 12th grade as of *September 1, 2023* and enrolled in a primary or secondary school at the time of entry in the 2024 A&H show will be eligible to show in the January show. The San Patricio/Aransas Agricultural and Homemaker Show honors the Texas Education Agency No Pass, No Play rule. A failing student will be unable to exhibit their project or have anyone exhibit their project for them. The show will request from school districts a list of ineligible participants prior to the show and will not be held responsible for non-compliance should a district fail to inform the show of ineligible participants. Students must be eligible at checkin. Any type of ineligibility as determined by the school district will be considered ineligibility for the show. Any student that violates the no pass no show rule will not be allowed to show the following year.
- 3. All exhibitors will be under the control of the General Superintendent, but the organization will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to animals or persons.
- 4. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY--All applications for entries must be made out on the official forms, signed by the exhibitor and filed in the office of the director of the show. In all cases the right is reserved to reject or accept conditionally any application for entry. County Extension Agents, FCCLA Teachers and Agricultural Science Teachers shall certify all entries. Exhibitors name on entry card must be same as name on Social Security Card.
- 5. TIME OF ENTRY--Official entry cards and entry fees <u>due no later than December 1, 2023 by 12:00 noon</u> All entries and fees must be made together and at one time by the Agricultural Science Teachers, FCCLA Teachers, 4-H club adult leaders and/or County Extension Agent. The entries must be accompanied by an official Group Summary Sheet prepared and approved by the Agricultural Science Teachers, FCCLA Teacher, 4-H club leader or FFA Chapters and entry fees. The summary sheets will be checked against the official entry cards. A copy of

- summary sheet will be returned to 4-H club leaders, County Extension Agent, FCCLA Teachers and Agricultural Science Teachers. Changes or corrections can be made until <u>December 15th.</u>
- 6. Each exhibitor must furnish feed, feeding and watering trough and vessels and care of his or her own exhibit. Initial bedding will be provided for Poultry. Additional bedding will have to be provided by the exhibitors.
- 7. Animals must be cared for daily (i.e. feed and water) until final disposition. Division superintendent will be in charge of compliance. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of resale premium or auction proceeds. These proceeds will be donated to the general scholarship fund or the auction scholarship fund.
- 8. Only creditable animals and poultry will be allowed in the show. Poultry and rabbits will be sifted by out of county judges during check-in/weigh-in. Sifted poultry and rabbits will be removed from the show ground Wednesday following sifting.
- 9. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion not discovered at the time of the award is proven. In such case, the president or such referee as he may appoint. may make decision, or the case may be referred to the Board of Directors from whose decision there can be no appeal.
- 10. REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS--No animal or articles on exhibition may be removed from the grounds without a release permit by respective Department Chairman. All animals must remain in place until the buyer takes charge of them or until released by the Department Chairman.
- 11. The premium money shall be based upon the funds available and may be adjusted or altered by the Board of Directors.
- 12. Exhibitors of market animals (steers, lambs, goats and hogs) must declare on the A&H Show entry card at weigh in time whether to sell or not to sell (non-auctioned) entries at market price through the show. Signature of exhibitor or parent on entry card will make agreement binding.
- 13. Bids on re-sale market animals will be to highest bidder.
- 14. PARTNERSHIP-BREEDING LIVESTOCK AND HORSES--Entering of livestock under a partnership arrangement will be authorized when partners concerned are both bona-fide FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H members or partnership arrangements between Parents and Sons and/or Daughters. Animals entered under this arrangement must be registered in the records of their respective breed association in the name of said Parents & Son(s) and/or Daughter(s). This partnership name should also appear on the certificate of registration on animals entered in County A&H Show. Extension Agents, FCCLA Teachers and Agricultural Science Teachers must be aware of such partnerships and be able to verify such arrangements if the need arises.
- 15. EXHIBITIONS--All entries in the show must be exhibited by the owners, except when an exhibitor has more than one entry in one class or cannot be present to show their animals. In these cases, any bona-fide 4-H member, FCCLA member or FFA member with the approval of the Chairman of that department may exhibit these animals. Only bona-fide 4-H, FCCLA and FFA members residing in San Patricio or Aransas Counties will be permitted to exhibit in the show.
- 16. Washing of all animals permitted only in designated area.
- 17. RIBBONS--BREEDING ANIMALS--The number of ribbons to be awarded in each class will be the same as the number of premium places. Buckles for Breed Champions and Rosettes for Reserve Breed Champions.
- 18. RIBBONS--ALL MARKET DIVISIONS--Ribbons will be presented to 60% of the entries with a minimum of 5 ribbons per class and a maximum of 10 ribbons per class. Buckles for Breed and Reserve Breed Champions and Division and Reserve Division Champions in Turkeys and Roasters.

- 19. Any matter that arises which might be termed a hardship, may be presented to the Board of Directors for review and will be ruled upon by the Board.
- 20. Exhibitors will be responsible for removing litter and animals from rabbit and poultry coops Saturday morning between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., except animals going to auction.
- 21. Parents or other adults will not be allowed to assist junior exhibitors in the show ring during judging.
- 22. Exhibitors showing goats, lambs, poultry, steers and rabbits must declare which animal they will sell in the auction sale no later than 30 minutes after the hog show unless showing a hog. All exhibitors have until 30 minutes following the steer show to declare which animal they will sell in the auction.
- 23. All market animals except steers and poultry must be weighed in the show. All poultry must be checked in by the Poultry Division Chairman. Declare weight as steers are classified. All other market animals will be weighed under the direction of Department Chairman, and will be assigned to the appropriate weight classes (as nearly equal in number as possible, but so that all animals of the same weight will show in the same class). There will be no reweighing of entries at initial weigh-in as the first weight counts. Exception: Hogs: One reweigh on opposite scale immediately. All animals must be shown in the division entered.
- 24. Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions of the show will be selected for each breed. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the Show will be selected from the Breed Champions. Breed Champion Market Steers, Hogs, Lambs, Goats or Heifers will compete for the Grand Champion Market Steer, Hog, Lamb, Goat or Heifer of the show. After the Grand Champion has been selected the Reserve Champion of the division that furnished the Grand Champion competes with the other Division Champions for Reserve Grand Champion.
- 25. All animals having any modification of dewlap or sheath or injection of oil, air or any other foreign substances that will alter physical appearance to any part of the body will eliminate exhibitor's ability to qualify for auction and of all future entries in the San Patricio Agricultural and Homemakers Show for all family members. This does not include dehorning and tail docking.
- 26. All Market entries can be shown one time only in San Patricio Agricultural and Homemakers Show.
- 27. All exhibitors must acknowledge their project to the respective supervisor, County Extension Agent, Club Manager, FCCLA Teacher or Agricultural Science Teacher.
- 28. Animals must be in immediate possession and under daily care of the exhibitor on day of ownership deadline and throughout the feeding period. Animals must be cared for in San Patricio or Aransas Counties. Any exception to the residency or animal housing rule(s) shall be made on an individual basis by the Board of Directors each year at or prior to the April Rules meeting.
- 29. Each division will meet following the current A&H Show to suggest rule changes and suggest judges for their division. Committee members, exhibitors and parents will be allowed one vote per family. Ag Science Teachers, FCCLA Teachers and County Extension Agents will also be allowed to vote at all division meetings. Only one Ag Science teacher per school may vote at division meetings.
- 30. Only animals being exhibited or service animals assisting handicapped persons shall be allowed on show grounds.
- 31. Entries that do not have entry fees (in case of returned check) paid in full by December 15 will have all entries returned and exhibitor will not be eligible to show in the January show.
- 32. All judges will sign a letter of confirmation stating they will not judge or participate in any event in San Patricio or Aransas Counties before date they will judge A&H Show. A signed copy of the letter must be returned to A&H Show office.
- 33. Using cell phones by the exhibitors and judges while in the show ring is prohibited.

- 34. Scales are allowed in barn the night before sift. No more than 4 scales are allowed in barn. All scales brought into barn will be allowed to be used by any person weighing show pigs. Scales must be out by 7:00 a.m. the day of weigh in.
- 35. All market steers, hogs, goats, lambs and breeding beef presented for check-in into the A&H Show must have the appropriate validation tags. All poultry must have assigned wing/electronic bands and market rabbits must have appropriate tattoos.
- 36. Livestock trailers will be parked in the trailer parking lot.
- 37. Keep a judge for 2 years, at the discretion of the A&H Board of Advisors.
- 38. Check in times are for the purpose of scheduling and organization and not for the purpose of qualification and disqualification although any exceptions must be approved by the appropriate division superintendent.
- 39. If you nominate a candidate, from the floor, for the Board of Advisors they must be from the community you represent.
- 40. Any animal that requires medication before or after sift and that is administered on th show grounds, must be approved and administered by the Show Veterinarian, approved and witnessed by the Division Superintendent and the General Show Superintendent. Any animal administered any substance by anyone, performance enhancing or not, that has a residual withdrawal period beyond the date the animal is to be shown, will not be eligible to show or go on the truck for resale. Should the situation agrise that the show Veterinarian deems tinecessary to medicate an animal, all rules above would apply. Anytime the Show Veterinarian deems an animal to be a health threat to other animals, he will advise the Division Superintendent and the General Superintendent to have the animal removed.
- 41. Board of Directors will enforce the above stated rules and address any infractions. Consequences for infractions may include but are not limited to loss of premium monies and awards. Exhibitors could be subject to disqualification from the auction and future participation in the San Patricio Agricultural and Homemakers Show.
- 42. All species cannot show with breeders tag in ear.
- 43. Anyone caught manipulating weight by stepping on the scales will be disqualified.

	Owner ship Deadline	Validation Date	Entry Fee	Maximum Number	Minimum Weight	Maximum Weight	Check in Time
Market Steer	June 13	June 13 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	25.00	2	1000	0	<u>TBA</u>
Heifer	June 22 Oct. 26	Spring Heifer Validation 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Fall Heifer Validation 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.	25.00	2/class 4/division	0	0	<u>TBA</u>
Market Hogs	Nov. 11 Nov. 18	Saturday, Nov .11 9:00 am -12:00 noon Fair Grounds Saturday, Nov 18 9:00 am – 12 noon Fair Grounds	20.00	3	220 Firm	290 Firm	<u>TBA</u>
Market Lambs	Oct. 19	Oct. 19 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	20.00	4	100 80 Southdown & Dorper	170 140 <u>Dorpe</u> r	<u>TBA</u>
Meat Goats	Oct. 19	Oct. 19 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	20.00	3	50	0	<u>TBA</u> <u>-</u>
Broilers*	Date Specified By Committee	When picked up	15.00 pen of 3	2 pens	0	0	<u>TBA</u>
Roasters*	"	u	15.00	2	0	0	<u>TBA</u>
Turkeys*	"	u	15.00	2	0	0	<u>TBA</u>
Market Rabbits*	Dec 29	Dec 29 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.	15:00/ pen of 3 8.00 single rabbit	3 pens**	3 1/2	5 1/2	<u>TBA</u>
Horse	Oct 16	Oct 16 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	7.00/ class	2/exhibitor; 1 /class per horse	0	0	8:00 a.m. Jan 22

^{*} Substitutions for sifted animals may, at check in, be made in the following categories: Broilers, Roasters, Turkeys, Market Rabbits. Each Exhibitor may bring 2 extra Broilers, 1 extra Roaster, 1 extra Turkey, per entry and 1 extra Market Rabbit.

^{**}Rabbits –An exhibitor may not show more than a total of 3 pens of Rabbits, which will consist of 2 pens of Market Rabbits and 1Single Rabbit.

SANITARY REGULATIONS

Regulations governing admission of Livestock into Show, Fairs, and Exhibitions will be followed.

SPECIFIC RULES MARKET STEERS

- 1. All Beef cattle entries must be tied with two (2) halters or a halter and neck rope.
- 2. All market steers must be dehorned.
- 3. Classes for each division will be Class 1 Lights and Class 2 Heavies. If there are 15 or more entries in any division a third class will be established, weights to be equally divided into three classes. Classes to be called heavy, medium and light weight. If there are six or less in any division the two classes be combined. A class cannot have more than 8 steers. At the discretion of the Beef Cattle Superintendent classes will be broken by weight, as fairly as possible. Additional classes may be added, if needed, to minimize large weight variances with each class.
- 4. Beef animals must be halter broken and be controlled by exhibitor.
- 5. Steers will be classified at check in time at A&H Show. During classifying only exhibitor will walk their own animal through classification, British and American only. With the exception of weather conditions.
- 6. If individual steer breaks loose two times in a class it will be excused from the ring on the third break. If animal is deemed unruly by Division Superintendent it will be excused from the ring. Animal will not be allowed to be exhibited tied to the rail of the show ring.
- 7. There will be no paint, powder or uses of any substances to change, alter or enhance the color on the body of the steer **ONLY WATER**. Animal will be subjected to being wiped down.
- 8. All steers will have major show tags. State validated steers will be nose printed.
- 9. If a steer loses an ear tag, the exhibitor must contact their Ag Science Teacher, FCCLA Teacher, County Extension Agent or Club Leader immediately so that it may be reported and revalidated.
- 10. All steers will be slick sheared to 1/4 inch to be determined by Classifier. Hair must be clipped over entire body including head and legs, except tail switch.
- 11. Any liquid or substance not considered part of an accepted and normal diet for livestock is deemed illegal and inhumane. For example, the use of alcoholic and carbonated beverages as a drench or filler. Examples of accepted and normal diet would include water (non-carbonated), electrolytes, FDA approved medications (Koapectine).
- 12. The pumping of cattle will be allowed, in the presence of the show veterinarian. The volume to be pumped must also be supervised by the show veterinarian and any Exhibitor not adhering to and following this supervised pumping, will be immediately disqualified from the show.
- Weigh back of 5% to police the use of drench guns or cattle pumps in order to force liquids into cattle. First and second place in every class will be weighed back prior to Breed Champion selection. If 1st or 2nd place is weighed out next place moves up and is weighed.
- 14. All beef animals must be bedded on shavings and pine pellets, not shavings alone.
- Beef Committee has the right to weigh any steer after classification if the committee feels the steer is not 1000 lb. minimum weight. If minimum weight is not attained the animal will be removed from barn as soon as possible.
- 16. Classifier has the right to sift calves for quality.
- 17. Only one exhibitor and one handler per entry will be allowed in the show building.

Grand Champion - Buckle Reserve Champion - Buckle

DIVISION I - American (To include Breeds that show Brahman influence.)

DIVISION II - British Purebred

DIVISION III - Exotic (To include Breeds such as Charolais, Limousine, Semmental, Chinaina, Maine Anju, etc., and their crosses of Exotic Breeds with British breeds excluding crosses of breeds in Division II and III.)

MARKET HOGS

1. Classes for each division will be Class 1 Lights, Class 2 Medium, Class 3 Heavies. If there are 30 or more entries at weigh in time of another of another purebred breed the Department Chairman will create another division for the breed. If there are more than 60 hogs in a division at weigh in time another class will be created by the Department Chairman. If there are 29 or fewer hogs in a division there will be two classes and 30 or more hogs there will be 3 classes. Additional class or classes will be created not to exceed 20 hogs per class. If there is an unusual number of hogs in a division with duplicate weights it will be up to the swine superintendent as how best to divide the classes in that division, keeping as close to the state guidelines as possible

- 2. Barrows and gilts may be shown.
- 3. Balance scale after about every 25 weighing.
- 4 Hogs will be judged according to breeds. Hogs will be classified during weigh in time at A&H Show.
- 5. Take home hog time will be assigned by Hog Division Chairman at a later date. No hogs will be taken home without the consent of the Hog Division Chairman.
- 6. No clippers, which require an electrical current, are allowed to be used on hogs once they arrive on the grounds. Cordless clippers are allowed for touch up only, however restraining the animal for clipping purposes is prohibited. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification.
- 7. Beginning at check-in there will be no paint, powder (oil-based products) or uses of any substances to alter or enhance the color on the body of the hog. Non-oil-based products will be allowed. It is left up to the Hog Superintendents' discretion to determine a violation.
- 8. All hogs to be shown in the San Patricio/Aransas County A&H Show must be validated at one of the following places, dates and times to be announced.
- 9. Validation consists of permanently placing a tag in the hog's ear, recording the tag number, recording ear notches, breed and sex. Recording of breed is only for identification purposes, not for classifying. The cost of the tag will be at the exhibitor's expense and must be ordered through a Ag Science Teacher, FCCLA Teacher or County Extension Agent.
- 10. If an animal **loses an ear tag** you must contact your Ag Science Teacher, FCCLA Teacher, County Extension Agent or Club Manager immediately so that it may be reported and re-validated.
- 11. A county Swine Validation shall be organized in the county where market hogs are being fed by members of either FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H for exhibit at the major and San Patricio/Aransas Counties stock shows that require market hogs to be validated November 11 and November 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Fairgrounds, Sinton.

 The committee shall be composed of Agriculture Science Teachers, County Extension Agents-Agriculture, 4-H Leaders, Swine Committee Chairperson and whoever he appoints to the committee. San Patricio/Aransas Counties are requiring that all market swine must be ear tagged, ear notches recorded, and breed will be recorded for description purposes only.
- 12. All hogs to be shown at San Patricio/Aransas County A&H Show must be validated and all paper work turned into the show secretary following validation, *November 18, 2023 at 12:00 noon.* All hogs will be validated with major shows tags. All tags will be placed in the hog's ear at validation.
- 13. Ear tag will be checked at weigh in and may be checked by hog Superintendents during unloading.
- 14. There will be a random validation check on Thursday. If ear notches do not match the validation form the hog will be ineligible for show and will be removed from show grounds under the direction of the Hog Superintendent.
- 15. Exhibitors have 30 minutes after steer show to designate which animal will be in auction sale.
- 16. No locks will be allowed to be on any hog pen at any time and all locks shall be removed immediately or will be cut off by Show Superintendent or any Swine Committee member.
- 17. OPB hogs will be broke into Light and Dark classes. Crossbred hogs will be broken into Light and Dark classes.
- 18. Minimum weight 220 pounds firm and maximum weight will be 290 pounds firm. No +1-5 pounds. Any hogs weighing under minimum industry standards must be removed from the barn after the conclusion of the weigh in. One reweigh on opposite scale immediately.
- 19. All exhibitors should come up to the arena when their row is called. Any hog who has not made it up to the arena within reasonable time at the discretion of the Superintendent will be disqualified.
- 20. Only the show veterinarian may inject a hog once it is on the grounds.
- 21. Sift hogs documented and sent back to exhibitors' pen. Then out of barn by the discretion of the Hog Superintendent.
- 22. Classification guidelines will follow the Swine Breed Classification Guidelines as set forth @ TexasFFA.org/Swine-validation. *Light Cross classification. Allow less than 20% black in light Cross.*
- 23. Swine Committee: There shall be a superintendent and vice superintendent along with a swine committee made of no less than 3 and no more than 9 members. This committee shall meet no less than 4 times a year to discuss upcoming events, rule changes and other points of interest,

Grand Champion - Buckle DIVISION 1 - Duroc

Reserve Champion - Buckle DIVISION V - Yorkshire

DIVISION II - Hampshire

DIVISION VI - Other Purebred Breeds - Light DIVISION VII - Other Purebred Breeds - Dark

DIVISION III – Crosses - Light

DIVISION IV – Crosses - Dark

MARKET LAMBS

- 1. All lambs to be shown at the San Patricio & Aransas Counties A&H Show must be brought to the county validation for validation and nose printing.
- 2. Lambs must have tails docked or be sifted.
- 3. All whether lambs must be banded or castrated at validation. No unbanned ram lambs will be tagged. Whether or ewes may be shown
- 4. All lambs must be slick shorn from knee and hock within 30 days of show. Lambs with excessive wool will not be weighed until shorn to meet the satisfaction of the Department Chairman.
- 5. If five head or more in a division they will break into two classes by weight. At the discretion of the Lamb Superintendent, classes will be broken by weights as fairly as possible to minimize large weight variances in each class.
- 6. All blankets must be removed before weigh in and classification at the County Show.
- 7. All lambs will be validated with major show tags only. All breeder tags will be removed at validation with the exception of TLBA tags and Sclupie tags on ewe lambs.
- 8. There will be no paint, powder or uses of any substances to change, alter or enhance the color of the body of the lamb. Animals will be subjected to being wiped with a white towel along the ribs and flank.
- 9. Lambs and goats will validate together, <u>October 19, 2023 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.</u>
- 10. Dorper lambs minimum weight to match Southdown at 80 lbs. A maximum weight for Dorper lambs only 140 lbs.

Grand Champion - Buckle

Reserve Champion – Buckle

DIVISION I - Dorper

DIVISION 1I - Predominately Southdown or Predominately Shropshire

DIVISION III - Fine Wool (Rambouillett or Merino or Cross between these two breeds)

DIVISION IV - Fine Wool Cross (A typical first cross of a fine Wool with a Medium Wool)

DIVISION V - Medium Wool (Hampshire, Dorset, Sufflok, Columbia, Corriendale, Montadale, Cheviot, grade or crossbred)

SILVER SHEARS AWARD

- 1. The Silver Shears Award shall be awarded to the high point individual who exhibits market lambs.
- 2. An individual will receive points on all lambs shown (up to maximum number of lambs allowed per lamb rules).
- 3. The award will be based on a point system based on individual classes with 1st place receiving 10 points, 2nd place receiving 9 points, 3rd place receiving 8 points, 4th place receiving 7 points, 5th place receiving 6 points, 6th place receiving 5 points, 7th place receiving 4 points, 8th place receiving 3 points, 9th place receiving 2 points, and 10th place receiving 1 point. If no lamb then 0 points will be awarded.
 - a. Additional Points will be given for:
 - i. Overall Grand Champion 4 points
 - ii Overall Reserve Grand Champion 3 points
 - iii. Breed Champion 2 points
 - iv. Reserve Breed Champions 1 point
- 4. Ties will be broken if one of the individuals was the Overall Grand Champion, then the Overall Reserve Champion, followed by the highest number of Breed Champions, the Reserve Breed Champions, then by the number of highest placing lambs.
- 5. In case of an unbreakable tie there will be 2 awards given.
- 6. A San Patricio Extension Agent, FFA Representative and the Sheep Superintendent shall compute the participants' scores for the Silver Shearers Award.

BREEDING BEEF CATTLE

Animals will be judged on merit basis and will be awarded:

First - \$25.00; Second - \$20.00; Third - \$15.00; Fourth - \$10.00; Fifth - \$7.50

In case of single entries, the animal shall be awarded premium and ribbon according to individual merits.

- 1. Exhibitors of breeding animals must report to the weighing station to enter livestock, present Bangs certificate before entering barn on cattle 2 years of age or over.
- 2. Registered heifers must be validated in June or October. Commercial heifers will be validated on same October date as registered cattle.
- 3. All beef cattle entries must be tied with two (2) halters or a halter and neck rope.

- 4. If there are 3 animals per division in the commercial heifer division at check in (American or Exotic) it will be divided into two divisions. Commercial heifers will be classified at check in.
- 5. Heifer show will be a blow and go show with heads and tails clipped.
- 6. Cow-calf pairs can be shown together.
- 7. Any liquid or substance not considered part of an accepted and normal diet for livestock is deemed illegal and inhumane. For example, the use of alcoholic and carbonated beverages as a drench or filler. Examples of accepted and normal diet would include water (non-carbonated), electrolytes, FDA approved medications (Koapectine).
- 8. The pumping of cattle will be allowed, in the presence of the show veterinarian. The volume to be pumped must also be supervised by the show veterinarian and any Exhibitor not adhering to and following this supervised pumping, will be immediately disqualified from the show.
- 9. Beef animals must be halter broken and be controlled by exhibitor.
- 10. If individual heifer breaks loose two times in a class it will be excused from the ring on the third break. If animal is deemed unruly by Division Superintendent it will be excused from the ring. Animal will not be allowed to be exhibited tied to the rail of the show ring.
- 11. A premium award will be presented to Grand Champion Heifer and Reserve Champion Heifer as funds become available.
- 12. Heifers can be taken home after heifer/steer show is completed on the show day.
- 13. Pen of 3 heifers can be validated for both commercial heifer shows.
- 14. All beef animals must be bedded on shavings and pine pellets, not shavings alone.
- 15. All heifers must have tattoos or brands that match their registration papers during heifer paper check and original registration paper must be presented unless stamped scramble, copies will be accepted.
- 16. Classifier has the right to sift breeding beef for animal welfare malnutrition.

Grand Champion - Buckle

Reserve Champion – Buckle

DIVISION I - American

DIVISION II - British Purebred

Class 1 - Heifers less than 12 months old

DIVISION III – Brahman

Class 2 - Heifers 12 months and 1 day to 18 months

DIVISION IV - Exotic

Class 3 - Cows 18 months and 1 day and up to 3rd birthday

DIVISION V - Commercial Classes wi

Classes will be divided with the option to combine classes if less than

3 head in a class.

Age to be determined as of the first day of the show.

MEAT GOATS

- 1. Goats must be the property of and under the daily care of the exhibitor no later than the validation date. Goats may be validated by family name where more than one child in the immediate family is raising goats. All goats to be shown at the San Patricio & Aransas Counties A&H Show must be brought to the county validation.
- 2. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to enter three (3) meat goats.
- 3. Meat goats will be tagged with major shows tags.
- 4. Weight limit 50 with no upper weight limit. The maximum price paid to exhibitors will be the price received on re-sale.
- 5. Horned animals must have horns tipped. No sharp points will be allowed.
- 6. All male goats must be banded and completely healed at validation.
- 7. All un-bred doe kids may be shown.
- 8. Animals can be shown with a collar or halter.
- 9. A sifter will be on grounds when goats are checked in. If an animal has a health problem the sifter will consult with the Goat Superintendent and Show Superintendent for a final determination on whether the meat goat will be allowed to be checked in and shown or immediately removed from the fairgrounds for animal health purposes.
- 10. One showmanship buckle will be awarded in each Junior, Intermediate and Senior in Goat Division and Judge will make final Showmanship selection.
- 11. Must be clipped 3/8 inch or less above the hock before check in.
- 12. After weigh-in all entries will be evenly divided into classes according to their weight. The number of classes and entries per class will be determined by the Meat Goat Superintendent not to exceed approximately 20 goats per class.

- 13. There will be no paint, or uses of any substances to change, alter or enhance the color of the body of the goat. Animals will be subjected to being wiped with a white towel along the ribs and flank. Talcum powder is acceptable.
- 14. Goats will be broken into 3 divisions, Light, Medium, Heavy. Goat Committee will determine number of classes, with a minimum of 2 classes per division.
- 15. At the discretion of goat superintendent, goats can be released on Friday after Show.
- 16. Goats and lambs will validate together, October 19, 2023 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Grand Champion - Buckle Reserve Champion - Buckle

Light Weight Champion, Reserve Light Weight Champion, Medium Weight Champion, Reserve Medium Weight Champion; Heavy Weight Champion and Reserve Heavy Weight Champion will all receive Buckles

POULTRY

GENERAL RULES

- 1. All birds must be free of disease and parasites and alive when entering the show ring.
- 2. All Poultry to be shown in the San Patricio Agricultural and Homemakers Show will be ordered through the Poultry committee at one time. Tag numbers will be assigned to each family at time of pick up.
- 3. One re-banding date will be set for 2 weeks following the pick-up of roasters, broilers, and turkeys at the show grounds. Time TBD. Wing band must be present to re re-banded.
- 4. Birds must meet the USDA Grade A Standards of Perfection.
- 5. Cockerels and pullets may be shown in the Broiler and Roaster Divisions. Toms and hens may be shown in Turkey Division. Turkeys entered in major shows may be released immediately after showing by Division Chairperson.
- 6. Each exhibitor may bring the following substitutions for sifted animals: 2 extra Broilers, 1 extra Roaster, 1 extra Turkey per entry.
- 7. All exhibitors must bring 2 -1 pound coffee cans or 2-20 ounce tumblers for each poultry pen exhibit.
- 8. Drug test Grand and Reserve Grand of each species and 2 random birds out of each species.
- 9. Poultry Showmanship should include: Knowledge of the Poultry Industry,--knowledge of Poultry Anatomy and Physiology, --Knowledge of Feed and Feeding of Poultry.

BROILERS

- 1. Broilers may be ordered in lots of 25 with a maximum of 100 birds per child.
- 2. Each family shall have its own tag numbers.

TURKEY

- 1. Each child may purchase 75 turkeys.
- 2. Turkeys will have 2 Divisions. Division II Hens, Division III Toms. First and second places from Division 2 and Division 3 will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Turkey.
- 3. All turkeys will be major show birds.

ROASTERS

- 1. Roasters may be ordered in lots of 25 with a maximum of 100 birds per child.
- 2. Roasters will have 2 Divisions: Division IV Pullets, Division V Cockerels. First and second places from Division IV and Division V will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Turkey.

Grand Champion Broilers, Turkey and Roaster - Buckle; Reserve Champion Broilers, Turkey, Roaster - Buckle Division Champion Turkey and Roaster - Buckle Division Reserve Champion Turkey and Roaster - Buckle

DIVISION I -- Broilers DIVISION II - Turkey Hens DIVISION III - Turkey Toms
DIVISION IV - Roaster Pullets DIVISION V - Roaster Cockerels

RABBITS

Grand Champion Market Rabbits - Buckle Grand Champion Single Fryer - Buckle Reserve Champion Market Rabbits - Buckle Reserve Champion Single Fryer - Buckle

GENERAL RULES

1. Show officials will mark each entry at weigh in with dark, legible pen in the rabbits left ear with the entry number.

- 2. All animals will be sifted at time of weighing in at the show. Any rabbit with signs of disease, external parasites or physical abnormalities will be excluded, after sift at the judge's discretion.
- 3. Once judge begins to Judge no other animals come in the show ring.
- 4. Rabbit judge will judge rabbits unassisted unless a specific request is made by the judge.
- 5. Rabbit locks may be cut off by Superintendent if rabbits are in need of any kind.
- 6. No breeders with that division entry in the show will be allowed in the show ring during any judged event including showmanship.
- 7. Exhibitors Single Fryers can stand behind their pen during judging

DIVISION - Market Rabbits, 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 pounds per animal

Class 1 - Pen of 3

Class 2 - Single Entry

MARKET RABBIT RULES:

- 1. All market rabbits entered in the show must be of a recognized medium meat breed those which mature as seniors at 10 pounds or more. Refer to American Rabbit Breeders Association (ABRA) Standards of Perfection for a complete listing of the breeds which fall into this category. Some of the most popular meat breeds are: Californians; New Zealand Whites, Reds or Blacks; All Satin Varieties; American Chinchilla; Champagne De Argent; Creme De Argent; Palomino; Giant Chinchilla; Flemish Giants. NOTES: Checkered Giants are not to be considered as meat breeds.
- 2. Market pen of 3 will consist of 3 rabbits all the same meat breed and variety.
- 3. The suggested birth date for the 2024 show will be November, 2023 so rabbits are at maximum 5 1/2 pounds at check in.
- 4. If anyone rabbit in the pen is disqualified it may be replaced with a qualified substitute or the whole pen becomes disqualified. Only 1 extra rabbit per pen may be brought to the show and must be brought at time of weigh in.
- 5. Exhibitor must own, have in possession market rabbits, and be under the exhibitor's daily care by validation date.
- 6. The ARBA rules for market classes will be in effect as shown in the Standards for Perfection. This means that rabbits with missing toes and toe nails and wolf or buck teeth will not be accepted. All fryer pens should be fryers of the same breed and variety.
- 7. An exhibitor will be allowed to enter one single market rabbit, but it will not be eligible for the auction sale.
- 8. An exhibitor or family member must validate for an exhibitor. You may validate as a family, but multiple families may not validate together as a multi-family group.
- 9. If a pen of three market rabbits are sifted out an exhibitor may turn the pen into a single fryer entry as long as a current single fryer does not exist.
- 10. The only children allowed in the show ring while the judge is judging will be children who have a rabbit being judged.
- 11. No oil in rabbits' ears 24 hours prior to show.
- 12. No breeder categories only market.

HORSE

Ribbons: 1st through 10th place in each class.

Buckles: Grand and Reserve Champion Speed, Judged & Roping; Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship

Buckles: Grand and Reserve Champion Gelding and Grand and Reserve Champion Mare

HALTER DIVISION JUDGED DIVISION **ROPING DIVISION** Class 13 - Western Pleasure Class 1 - Showmanship (1A,Jr; 1B Int, 1C Sr.) Class 24-Break Away Roping Class 2 - Pony 54 inches & under Class 25-Tie Down Calf Roping Class 14 - Western Horsemanship Class 3 - Registered Mare, 5 years & over Class 15 - Reining Class 26-Ribbon Roping Class 16 - Trail Class 4 - Registered Mare, Under 5 years Class 5 - Grade Mare, 5 years & over Class 17 - English Pleasure Class 6 - Grade Mare, Under 5 years Class 18 - English Equitation Class 7 - Grand & Reserve Champion Mare SPEED (Timed) DIVISION Class 8 - Registered Gelding, 5 years & over Class 19 - Stake Race Class 9 - Registered Gelding, Under 5 years Class 20 - Pole Bending Class 10 - Grade Gelding, 5 years & over Class 21 - Clover Leaf Barrel Race

Class 11 - Grade Gelding, Under 5 years Class 22 - Figure 8 Barrels

Class 12 - Grand & Reserve Champion Gelding Class 23 - Goat Tying

(Showmanship judged by age of exhibitor.)

GENERAL RULES

- 1. No stallion over 1 year of age may be shown.
- 2. Timed, judged and roping points will be kept on each horse
- 3. Ages of all horses will be determined as of January 1, <u>2024</u>. Date of birth must be on entry card to be eligible to show.
- 4. All horses, registered or grade will show together except for halter classes so designated.
- <u>5.</u> Horses must be on the show grounds by 8:00 a.m. <u>January 21, 2024.</u> All numbers must be picked up by 8:30 a.m. the day of show. No late entries shall be accepted. First class showmanship will start at 9:00 a.m.
- 6. The following system will be used in determining points for all judged, speed and roping classes. A maximum of six points will be awarded according to the number in the class.

No. of horses	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6 or more	6	5	4	3	2	1
5	5	4	3	2	1	
4	4	3	2	1		
3	3	2	1			
2	2	1				
1	1					

- 7. Different horses may be used. In judged, speed and roping classes points go to the horse shown. All speed events including goat tying, shall count toward total points for timed highpoint. Breakaway roping, tie down calf roping and ribbon roping (points go to roper only) shall count toward total points for roping highpoint. Halter and showmanship points will only count towards judged.
- 8. In event of a tie the first process of elimination would be the horse that placed in most events. If there was still a tie it would be the horse that won over the most horses in that class would be the winner to break a tie in Overall High Point. Should a tie still exist, the winner will be determined by a flip of coin under the supervision of the department Chairman.
- 9. In all judged events, there shall be only one rider per horse
- 10. The first and second place horses in the halter division shall compete for the Grand and Reserve Champion halter horses.
- 11. Horse must be shown by one exhibitor only in halter, showmanship and judged events. However, the same horse may be shown by one exhibitor in the judged events and another exhibitor in the halter classes if both are from the same immediate family and provided that ownership requirements are met.
- 12. In all speed events, contestants may enter the arena at the speed of his/her choice where arena conditions are safe. As per arena director's recommendation.
- 13. The Board of Directors reserves the right to interpret all rules and settle all disputes.
- 14. **A copy of registration papers or age certificate for grade horses must be attached to the horse entry card.** The contestant may change designated horse if the horse is injured, must have a signed note from the vet. The horse being swapped with must be owned by the contestant or family member 6 months in advance. All proof of ownership has to be in the 4-H office by the date of validation Current coggins papers are required at check in and must be current through January 31 of show year.
- 15. Grand Champion Gelding and Grand Champion Mare will be on site if stalls are provided from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on day of auction.
- 16. The registered name of the horse must be on entry card.
- 17. Texas 4-H rule book will be used as a guideline for our show. These rules below will apply to those events listed by rule. With these rules that follow.
- 18. For overall Hi-Point Horse: One horse, One Rider to win All Around Prize.
- 19. Patterns for all speed events will follow the accepted patterns in the 4-H Horse Show rule Book. 1 Clovers; 2 Poles; 3 Stake Race
- 20. Horses may be validated in county or state
- 21. Exhibitors entering more than 1 (one) horse must declare to the Horse Division Superintendent what event they will be showing each horse in 9 (nine) days prior to show date if not before.

GENERAL RULES FOR GOAT TYING, ALL ROPING EVENTS AND FIGURE 8'S GOAT TYING:

- 1. Starting line will be same as the poles and barrels starting line.
- 2. Goat shall be staked with a ten (10) foot 5/8" hard twist cotton rope. Goat holder shall hold the goat at full length of rope behind stake until contestant starts the run. A collar or non-slip knot must be used on goats.

- 3. Goat must be staked at 105 feet from starting line (fifth pole stake).
- 4. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from starting line to goat, dismount, throw goat by hand (if goat is down when contestant reaches it, the goat must be cleared of the ground) and tie any three (3) feet together with leather, nylon or pigging string, and step back clear of goat. (Must stand at least 3 feet from goat before judges 5 second count will begin.)
- 5. Goat must remain tied for at least five (5) seconds.
- 6. Three legs should be securely tied to qualify as a legal tie; there will be one or more wraps, a half hitch or a secure knot. Once contestant signals his/her tie is complete, he/she may not again touch the tie or goat. This would result in a no-time.
- 7. In the event of a timer malfunction, then contestant will receive a re-run and will compete again on the same goat that he/she originally ties.
- 8. Goat is to be changed after 5 contestants have competed on it.
- 9. Any discrepancies must be called to the attention of the judge before the event is over. After the next event begins then all decisions are final.

BREAKAWAY ROPING:

- 1. Breakaway Roping to change from bell collar catch to rope must go over head and can break away at any point after. Change from TYRA Rules to THSR Rules.
- 2. Two loops allowed. If the rope leaves the contestants hand, whether by accident or thrown, it is considered thrown. May re-build loop only one time. (This will apply to all roping events.)
- 3. The roper must have a handkerchief or a piece of cloth tied to the end of the rope.
- 4. The end of rope must be tied to the saddle horn with a piece of string. If the rope breaks away from the saddle horn before the contestant has roped his/her calf, then it is considered a no-time. Contestant may not break string with hand.
- 5. The cut off time will be 120 seconds and if we do not have a declared champion and reserve champion by the end of all roping events, we will then rerun all breakaway entries. If we still do not have one, we will rope a dummy until the winners are declared. Points will not be declared on rerun.
- 6. Contestant must throw the rope. Cannot corner calf and place rope on animal. This will result in a no-time (This will apply to all roping events.)
- 7. All calves will be chute-run. (This will apply to all roping events.)
- 8. All calves will be numbered and the person opening the gate will be responsible for noting which calf the contestant is roping. (This will apply to all roping events.)
- 9. In case of malfunction or interference with run, at the judge's discretion, the contestant may receive a re-run and will compete on the same calf noted by gate opener. (This will apply to all roping events.)
- 10. Any discrepancies must be called to the attention of the judge before the event is over. After the next event begins then all decisions are final. (This will apply to all roping events)
- 11. Back gate will be closed (This will apply to all roping events.)
- 12. If after all roping events we only have 1 or less champions and we are lacking the reserve champion, we will rerun the breakaway roping to fill the reserve spot or the Grand and Reserve. No all Around points will be allowed for a rerun to fill the Grand and Reserve Grand spots.

TIEDOWN CALF ROPING:

- 1. Catch as catch can. (Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf. Once roper had touched calf and the rope comes off, roper must not lose contact with calf.)
- 2. Rope must be tied hard and fast to the saddle horn.
- 3. After roping calf, roper must dismount, go down rope and throw calf by hand and cross any three of the calf's feet.
- 4. A legal tie shall consist of one or two wraps and a half hitch.
- 5. If calf is down when roper reaches it, it must be thrown by hand, with at least three feet hanging and to the satisfaction of the judge. If ropers hand is on the calf when the calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
- 6. After the roper has signaled for time to stop, the roper may not touch the calf or tie until the Judge has completed his examination.
- 7. The calf must stay tied for six (6) seconds from the time the roper has remounted his horse and taken two steps forward. If the rope comes off calf before the roper remounts then the six (6) second clock starts immediately after roper has backed away from calf.
- 8. Neck rope must be used. (This will apply to tiedown and ribbon roping.)
- 9. The cut off time will be 120 seconds and if we do not have a declared champion and reserve champion by the end of all roping events, we will then rerun all tiedown roping entries. If we still do not have one, we will rope a dummy until the winners are declared. Points will not be declared on rerun.
- 10. If roper is unable to get calf up, roper can take 10 second penalty to finish run.

RIBBON ROPING

- Catch as catch can.
- Roper must have one foot on the ground before the runner can remove the ribbon from the calf's tail and cross the 2. finish line.
- The rope must be on the calf when the roper or runner first touches the calf. 3.
- Runner must remove the ribbon from calf's tail and run back to finish line with ribbon in hand. Crossing the 4. finish line without ribbon in hand will result in a no-time.
- 5. If runner sees there is no ribbon on the calf's tail, he/she should call attention to it immediately.
- The cut off time will be 120 seconds and if we do not have a declared champion and reserve champion by the end 6. of all roping events, we will then rerun all breakaway entries. If we still do not have one, we will rope a dummy until the winners are declared. Points will not be declared on rerun.
- If roper is unable to get calf up, roper can take 10 second penalty to finish run.

FIGURE 8 BARRELS:

- Contestant will start from behind the starting line, run to the left or the right of the first barrel, then continue the 1. figure eight (8) pattern.
- The time starts when contestant crosses the starting line and stops when contestant crosses it on the way back after 2. completing the pattern.
- A five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over. If a contestant knocks over a barrel and it stands up again 3. on its other end, it will be the same as knocking it over.
- 4. Must have constant forward motion. If the contestant stops and backs up, it is considered a broken pattern.

AG MECH DIVISION – Metal and Woodworking Projects

Eligibility:

- General rule No. 2 must be followed. 1.
- 2. Projects must have been constructed by exhibitor within the twelve months preceding the show.
- Cost of Entries will be \$20.00 per entry. Projects may be entered by an individual or group. You can enter as 3. many projects as you want, but only one project category.
- 4. All projects must be constructed under the supervision of Agricultural Science Teachers, County Extension Agents, 4-H Leaders or FCCLA Advisors. A group can be no more than 6 people. Groups must name the individuals in the group at the time of entry. If a group loses a member the group is still eligible, but they cannot replace the member. You can enter as many projects as you want, but you can only enter one project per category.
- 5. Three weeks out from arrival to show, exhibitors must declare project.

Buckles and Ribbons:

Banners will be presented to the Champion and Reserve Champion Projects in the Ag Mech Division. Ribbons will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries. Buckles will be given to Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in both the Jr. and Sr. Division. Buckles for Showmanship in Jr. and Sr. Divisions. Additional prizes will be awarded if they become available.

GENERAL RULES:

- All projects must be checked in by the Ag Mech Committee on Wednesday of the show from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. 1. The Ag Mech Committee will designate the location of all projects.
- 2. Judging of Projects will be on Friday morning of the show week (based upon the schedule of showing changes). Time slots will be posted the day prior to judging by the committee and will be approximate times based on the number of entries of each category and age division.
- Ag Mech Awards will be given awarded at a time to be announced. 3.
- All projects must be complete and finished by the time they move into the show area. Exhibitors must provide 4. trailer paperwork (Proof of registration) at check in or have certified weight ticket.
- 5. All projects must have a sign displaying club or chapter and exhibitor(s). General Rule #5 will be followed.
- Entries will be divided into Junior and Senior Divisions. 6.

 - A. Junior Exhibitors are defined as $3^{rd} 8^{th}$ grade as of September 1. B. Senior Exhibitors are defined as $9^{th} 12^{th}$ grade as of September 1.
- Entries will be categorized into appropriate classes for judging. 7.
 - Superintendent has the right to place project into classes and create new classes as needed.
- Ag Mech projects can leave at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. 8.
- 9. Allow buckles for team projects if a team is a winner with sponsorship for extra buckles.
- Judges to determine the Junior and Senior Ag Mech showman in Ag Mech. 10.

11. Each chapter or club will supply at least one representative to help monitor projects Saturday of the Auction to help make sure projects are secure.

A. Agricultural Machinery and Equipment

Examples: Trailers Examples: Furniture

Shop Equipment Indoor Tables

E. Home

Tractor Equipment F. Yard

B. BBQ Pits and Outdoor Cooking Examples: Swings

C. Truck Accessories Picnic Tables

Examples: Bumpers G. Art
Receiver Baskets Examples: Metal Art

Receiver Baskets Examples: Metal Art Sculptures

D. Livestock and Wildlife Equipment H. Reclaimed - Repurposed

Examples: Deer Blinds

Headache Racks

Feeders Trim Chutes

12. Judging Standards:

A.	Workmanship		20 points
B.	Variety of skills preformed		20 points
C.	Structural Balance		20 points
D.	Difficulty of Design		10 points
E	Record Book		10 points
F.	Practical Utility		5 points
G.	Ability to answer Judges Questions		10 points
Н.	Finish		5 points
		TOTAL	100 points

13. **Record book Requirements:**

- A. Student generated plans with measurements (Hand drawn or computer generated
- B. Labeled photographs showing stages of construction.
- C. Bill of materials
- D. Properly displayed in a 3-ring binder or folder. (NO POSTER BOARDS)

14. Safety Requirements

Appropriate safety measures must be taken to ensure the safety of all those at the show. Sharp edges or points must be padded or covered. Bar-b-que pits are to have lids and doors secured at all times, except during judging. All trailers must follow DOT requirements.

Sweepstakes

An award will be awarded to the FFA chapter or 4-H Club that accumulates the most points. Points will be awarded based upon placings.

1st place – 5 points

2nd place – 4 points

3rd place – 3 points

4th place – 2 points

5th place – 1 point

Silent Auction:

The Ag Mech Committee will allow a Silent Auction to be held at the time of check-in until 6pm on Saturday of the Auction. Exhibitors that wish to participate will need to pick up a Silent Auction Form from the Ag Mech Committee at the time of check -in. Exhibitors are responsible to pick up their bid sheets at the conclusion of the Auction Sale and finish the transaction between the buyers. No "For Sale" signs will be allowed. The Ag Mech Committee will in no way be responsible for negotiating, bargaining or collecting funds from the silent auction. The exhibitor and the highest bidder are to arrange for delivery of the project and any payment that needs to be made to the exhibitor.

SHOWMANSHIP

There will be a Junior (grade 3-5), Intermediate (grade 6-8), and Senior (grade 9-12) as of September 1. 2023. winner in each division - Market Steer, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Breeding Beef, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits and Horse. Senior exhibitors in the Market Steer, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Meat Goat, Breeding Beef and Horse divisions will compete in the Overall Showmanship Contest. Senior Exhibitors in the Poultry and Rabbit divisions will have the option to enter the overall showmanship contest. Animal validated in family name can be shown during showmanship by any family member competing in that division.

Entry will be open to any exhibitor wishing to enter.

If you win multiple species showmanship's, you represent them all in Overall competition and no 2nd place jumps up to represent.

Overall Showman

The Champion Senior Showman of the Market Steers, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Meat Goats, Breeding Beef and Horse will compete for the overall Senior Market Showman. Poultry and Rabbit Champion Senior Showman will have the option to compete for Overall Showman. Overall showman competition will follow the hog show. Animals to be used in Overall Showmanship contest will be drawn for. The respective Chairmen will be responsible for getting the animals. Animals used in overall showmanship will be steers, hogs, lambs and goats.

Poultry and Rabbits

Showman in these divisions, both Junior, Intermediate and Senior will be selected by the judge of their division. Exhibitors must be entered in division they are showing in for showmanship.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- 1. The San Patricio/Aransas Counties Agricultural & Homemakers Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian, as to whether such animal has been administered a diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against the San Patricio/Aransas Counties A&H Show or any of its officers.
- 2. An exhibitor of an animal producing any analysis with a quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs will be subject to penalties which may include but are not limited to loss of premium monies and awards. Exhibitors could be subject to disqualification from the auction or may be required to forfeit auction proceeds and may lose the privilege of future participation in the San Patricio/Aransas County Agricultural and Homemakers Show. Penalties will be prescribed by the A&H Show Board of Directors or it's duly appointed representatives.
- 3. Samples will be collected by a licensed veterinarian OR a designated committee. All Grand Champions and Reserve Champions will be tested, except in Carcass contest where only the champion will be tested. Prior to the show, the A&H Show Board may determine a number or percentage of random samples to also be taken. Samples may be collected at any time during the show once the animal is officially checked in to the show.
- 4. The testing committee reserves the right to pre-determine a set time limit on the collection of RANDOM samples prior to the start of the show. This pre-determined time limit will be agreed upon by the committee before the first random animal is selected and will be followed on all random collections for that year. If an animal selected for random testing does not urinate in the pre-determined time, no urine sample will be collected. However, the Board reserves the right to collect blood or tissue samples for testing.

HERDSMANSHIP RULES

- 1. HERDSMANSHIP RESPONSIBILITY: Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of exhibitors rather than leasers and parents.
- 2. BEGIN AND ENDING TIMES: Herdsmanship begins at the time the division of livestock (beef, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits) is to be in place and ends one hour after animals are released.
- 3. DISPLAY OF ANIMALS: All animals should be in their stalls or pens between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. except for weighing, washing, exercising, and showing. All pens and stalls should be clearly identified with club/chapter name and exhibitors' names.
- 4. CLEANING OF STALLS/PENS: Stalls and pens should be thoroughly cleaned between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Spot cleaning will be required throughout the day, but manure carts, wheel barrows, buckets, etc. should not be left unattended in the alleys and barns at any time.
- 5. DIVISIONS JUDGED SEPARATELY: Each livestock division (beef, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry and rabbits) will be judged separately. One award will be given in each division to the highest scoring club/chapter.
- 6. SWEEPSTAKE AWARD: A cumulative total will be calculated for each club/chapter from each of the divisions. The club/chapter with the most points in all divisions combined will be the Sweepstake winner.

7. RESULTS: Results for each division, as well as the sweepstakes winner will be announced Saturday just before the auction.

8. SCORING:

Animals - clean at all times with proper rooming, feeding, watering, bedding, and care (20 points)

<u>Stalls</u> - clean and neat; bedding clean and fresh, feed, feed pans and buckets clean and in place; signs to determine ownership or club/chapter (20 points)

Tack & Feed Area - kept clean and neatly arranged; equipment stored properly (20 points)

Alleys - exhibitor's share of alley area is kept clean; free of equipment; dust kept under control (20 points)

<u>Exhibitors</u> - members should be dressed appropriately; can wear club t-shirts or other identifying attire; proper courtesy and conduct show at all times; teamwork, friendliness (20 points)

Total points: 100

In the event of a tie, the combined scored for Friday will serve as the tiebreaker.

9. AWARDS

Divisions: \$50.00 to club or chapter for each division winner in

Beef, Hog, Lamb, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit Divisions

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