

**2021 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES**

1. All exhibitors are cautioned to read carefully the following rules and regulations, as well as each division rules, as same will be strictly enforced.
2. All animals will adhere to the Texas Animal Health Commission Rules. The Livestock Committee will issue updates as necessary. However, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to comply with the Texas Animal Health Rules.
3. Market divisions are restricted to the following:

Steers	County Steer Division	Poultry	Market Broiler Division
Steers	Market Steer Division	Poultry	Market Turkey Division
Pigs	Market Swine Division	Rabbits	Market Rabbit Division
Sheep	Market Lamb Division	Goats	Market Goat Division
4. Breeding divisions are restricted to the following:

Junior Commercial Heifer Division	Breeding Beef Division
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5. A. Exhibitors/Substitute/Stand-in Exhibitors must be enrolled and attending classes in a Galveston County I.S.D. public school, Galveston County private/parochial school or be a home educated student in Galveston County, elementary or secondary, or is a resident of Galveston County, and is a current member of a Galveston County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, **HAVING A FAIR PROJECT ENTERED, TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.**
B. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO SHOW. Exception:** Exhibitors who have completed academic requirements for graduation at mid-term of the current school year and are a current member of a Galveston County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, are eligible to participate.
6. Validation/tag-in dates, order dates and times will be published in each division's rules.
7. **Family tag-ins will be allowed for immediate family members only. The meaning of Family Tag shall be "immediate family living in the same household" (i.e. brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, half brother and half sisters, or legal guardian of). All eligible exhibitors must be listed on validation/tag-in or order form in order to be eligible to enter an animal in that division.**
8. Exhibitors must accompany his/her animal at tag-in/validation, be present to pick-up their Poultry orders, and at check-in. Signature of exhibitor and parent/guardian, or representative is required at Validation and Tag-in. Prior approval from the Livestock Chairperson and Livestock Superintendent will be required for any exhibitor who has a TEA/UIL event or any conflict with this rule.
9. **Only the GCF&R or TX validation tag numbers will be used for identification. All ear tags except the GCF&R and TX validation tag must be removed prior to or during validation and these should be the only tags present at check-in. Alterations to the GCF&R or TX validation tags – change to size, shape, form or color – will void the tag.**
10. Animals which are tagged with an Official Texas Tag approved by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and which are the property of the same Exhibitor (as indicated on the official state 4-H or FFA validation forms), will not be required for re-tagging. However, all such animals must be present for recording of the Texas Tag Number and validation procedures.
11. Any exhibitor wishing to tag-in more than one (1) market animal in a division may do so with approval of the Chairman or Livestock Superintendent at the time of validation and tag-in.
12. **The Show Chairperson/Livestock Superintendent must be notified immediately if an ear tag is lost or if a TX validation tag is replaced.** The animal will be re-nose printed for verification by the Livestock Committee at time of re-tagging. The animal will be subject to review by such committee and may be subject to disqualification. **All animals will be subject to nose print verification (ear notch verification for swine) at any time. Do not remove the ear tag from your animal after they are shown. This is your animal's identification number that is used by the Livestock Committee, Buyers and Meat Packing Companies for that purpose.**
13. **The exhibitors must own their animals at the beginning of and throughout the feeding periods. Exhibitors must feed and care for animals on a daily basis without any aid or assistance during the entire period, except from their County Extension Agents, Ag Teachers, 4-H Leaders, or family. The Livestock Superintendent and/or Show Chairperson reserves the right to visit the facility where the exhibitor's animals are housed at any time.**
14. **NO FAMILY ENTRIES.** One entry form is required for each individual exhibitor. Exhibitor must specify which animal he/she will show at the time of check-in. No animal shall be entered or exhibited under a name other than that of a bona fide owner.
15. Exhibitor Entries must be submitted online. The Fair Office will not accept paper entry forms. 4-H Leaders and Ag Teachers must submit a summary sheet with cash or one check/money order made payable to GCF&R for the club/chapter's entries. **NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON.**
16. **Required forms** - Each Exhibitor is required to submit a completed **Indemnity Form** and **Emergency Medical Authorization Form** (signed by the exhibitor and parent/guardian) as well as a **COMPLETED W9 FORM WITH THE EXHIBITOR'S INFORMATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AS IT IS ON THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD** (signed by the exhibitor). Rabbit Exhibitors must also complete a **Meat Pen Rabbit Entry Verification Form**. Failure to

30. All animals exhibited in the GCF&R Livestock Shows must be trained, fitted and dressed for show by the exhibitor, County Extension Agent, Ag Teachers, 4-H Leaders or family all of which must be residents of Galveston County.
31. The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method of altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body. Animals showing signs of having been operated upon or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with intent to deceive relative to the animal's soundness, will be disqualified. As a condition for participation in the Galveston County Livestock Shows, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal so entered by him/her to inspection by a veterinarian. Exhibitors must also agree that the conclusions reached by the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., and/or their representatives shall be final, without recourse against Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. or its representatives. **Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. reserves the right to have blood or urine laboratorial analysis made on any animal entered for competition, subject to substance residue policy.** Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. also reserves the right to order the timely slaughter of any placing animal(s), and the evaluation of such carcass(es) after slaughter. If unethical fitting of livestock is determined, any and all sale monies will be withheld and participants may be barred from future participation at Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. An exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis with a quantity of diuretic or any unapproved medication will be barred from future competition at the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. No painting or dyeing will be allowed. Any grooming material that causes color to be removed from the animal will not be allowed. No grooming powders or graphite will be allowed on animals.
32. All animals must be presented for competition when called.
33. Spectators will not be allowed in the Show Ring.
34. When the entries in any class are fewer than the number of premiums offered, or when there is no competition in a class, the judges will make placings and awards strictly on the merit of the animals shown, or two or more classes may be combined.
35. There will be no prize money on ribbon placings in the GCF&R Livestock Shows.
36. In no instance will judges make placings or awards to an animal which, in their opinion, is not worthy or deserving.
37. The decision of the Judge is FINAL.
38. **A Completed animal release form is required to remove your animal from the fairgrounds for all check outs.** Any steer, swine, goat or lamb left on the Fairgrounds after 12:00 Noon, Sunday, April 25, 2021, will be shipped to a locker plant at the expense and responsibility of the owner. Any turkeys, rabbits, or broilers, left on the Fairgrounds after 12:00 Noon, Sunday, April 25, 2021, will become the property of the Fair. Exhibitors failing to comply will be subject to review by the Executive Committee.
39. The Livestock Committee will take every precaution to insure the safety and well-being of exhibitors and animals. However, the Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage to animals or articles while on the Fairgrounds or in transit thereto or therefrom, from any cause whatsoever.
40. To file an official protest, the fee will be **\$200.00 CASH**, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained.
41. **The Livestock Committee reserves the right to use any animal for the participation in the Livestock Judging contest and the Pee Wee Swine Show to be held during the Fair. No Grand & Reserve Champion animals will be used for either of these shows. On the day of the Livestock Judging Contest, absolutely NO youth exhibitors will be allowed in the Livestock Pavilion from 7:00 am until the conclusion of the contest (approximately 10:30 – 11:00 am). For the Pee Wee Swine Show the committee will select the swine to be used during the show.**
42. All sales of market animals, which have been shown during the week of the Fair, will be handled through the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. Office. **Soliciting sales of animals will not be permitted on the premises of the fairgrounds. "FOR SALE" signs will not be allowed to be displayed on or adjacent to any animal entered in this show.**
43. For information on Junior Auction and Commitment procedures, see the Junior Auction Rules and/or Junior Livestock Commitment Rules. Please Note: Buyer Gift baskets may not contain alcoholic beverages.
44. It is **MANDATORY** that the exhibitor bring a stamped envelope with a "Thank You" card addressed to the buyer and a proof of delivery form (when applicable) to the Fair Office before checks will be released. The Fair Office will mail the thank you cards. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST COME TO THE FAIR OFFICE TO SIGN FOR THEIR CHECK.** Checks will be ready for pick up no later than 60 days after the close of the Fair (usually in June) and the checks **must be picked up by September 1** of the same year. **If your check has not been picked up by this date it will then be voided and reverted to the scholarship fund. You can contact the Fair Office to have your check reissued until October 1, but an administrative late fee will be deducted from your check at this time.**
45. For policies on Substance Residue, see Substance Residue Policy Rules.
46. **Classes will be posted as soon as they are completed. NO information on classes will be available until the chairperson has verified all of the information. Failure to cooperate in this matter will only further prolong the process.**