

**LASALLE COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW  
2015-2016**

**GENERAL RULES**

1. Competition is open to all active\* 4-H and FFA members that live in and/or attend school in LaSalle County. These individuals must be in grades third (3<sup>rd</sup>) through a senior (12<sup>th</sup>) in high school to be eligible and must have cared for and fed their animal during the entire feeding period. The feeding period begins with county validation and ends with the show and sale.
2. All animals must meet the regulations governing admission of livestock into shows set by the Texas Animal Health Commission.
3. The Board of Directors of the 4-H and FFA Booster Club reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine. A protest, complaint or grievance of a violation of these rules shall be filed in writing to any member of the Booster Club board of directors prior to the judging of the show. If the violation occurs after such time the protest, complaint, or grievance shall be filed in writing with the Booster Club board of directors no later than five (5) business days after the show. Any such filing shall be accompanied by a \$100.00 filing fee. The filing fee will be refunded if the grievance is upheld.
4. A sifter and classifier appointed by the show will inspect all animals entered. Animals not showing enough type, quality, finish or soundness will not be allowed to show or sell.
5. No entry fee will be charged, but exhibitors must enter their animals with the 4-H and FFA advisors no later than two weeks after the validation of each animal species.
6. All entries must be in their proper stall at the time set by the show and remain in place until they are released.
7. All stall, pens, and exhibitor space must be kept clean at all times and refuse matter disposed of as the show may direct.
8. Exhibitors can show two animals of one species, but cannot win both Champion and Reserve Champion of that species. If one animal wins Champion then the other animal of that exhibitor is not eligible to show for Reserve Champion. This rule applies to market animals and not breeding animals.
9. No other youth can show or sell another exhibitors project. Exceptions of sickness or death in the family can be made with approval of the Booster Club Directors. If an exhibitor has more than one project in a class, or the project

requires more than one exhibitor to show the project, all showman must be either a 4-H or FFA member from LaSalle County. If an exhibitor is showing for another exhibitor, this exhibitor is not eligible for showmanship and must turn their exhibitor number to blank or not wear one.

10. The supervisor of projects – Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent – must certify that the exhibitor has completed requirements to show.
11. All exhibitors failing the reporting period prior to the County Show will not be eligible to show or sell.
12. Exhibitors must own their own animals at the beginning of and throughout the feeding period beginning at county validation and must feed, care for, be fully responsible for and exhibit animals entered without any assistance during the period except for the County Extension Agent, Agricultural Science Teacher, or from other junior exhibitors, family members or project leaders in the county. This responsibility may not be transferred or assigned to any other person or place.
13. No artificial color or alterations may be added to any animal for the show or sale.
14. A dress code will be in effect for all exhibitors during the Junior Livestock Show and Sale. All exhibitors are expected to be neat and clean at all times. No shorts or t-shirts will be allowed. All shirts or blouses must have a collar. No hats, caps or head wear during show and sale. No visible knives on exhibitor.
15. Any exhibitor found in violation of any LaSalle County Junior Livestock Show rules shall be subject to permanent expulsion from the Junior Livestock Show and Auction and forfeiture of any proceeds.
16. Any animal validated for the LaSalle County Junior Livestock Show cannot be shown in any other county show or visa versa.
17. At time of weighing, sifting, showing, and selling, only the exhibitor will be allowed to handle the project. Due to safety and liability issues any exhibitors who **can not** control their animal will be sifted and removed from the ring by the judge and/or the ring superintendent.
- 18. Exhibitors must attend at least four (4) of 4-H or FFA meetings to participate in the county show. A sign-in sheet will be required at all meetings and a copy forwarded to the Booster Club.**
19. At validation, the exhibitor and their parents and/or guardian, will receive a copy of the rules and must sign and turn in to their respective County Extension agent or Agricultural Science Teacher the completed form within fourteen (14) days. Otherwise their project(s) will not be allowed to show.
20. At validation, all animals will be tagged by a tag approved by the Booster Club. If an animal loses a validation tag, exhibitor must notify the Booster

Club and three (3) directors of the Booster Club must be present to re-tag the animal.

21. All animals validated for the LaSalle County Junior Livestock Show are subject to drug and DNA testing at any time.
22. **Exhibitors are not to mail out personal letters to prospective buyers for their own personal gain.**
23. At time of sift, show and sale all animals must be presented clean with no foreign matter.
24. Animals not meeting the weight requirements will be taken off the scales, the scales checked for balance, and the animal immediately re-weighted.

### MARKET STEERS

1. Each steer will be validated on the Saturday nearest October 1st. Any steer not validated at this time will not be eligible to show. At time of validation steers will be classified as American or Exotic.
2. Each exhibitor may show two (2) steers.
3. Market steers must weigh 1,000 pounds or more **with a five (5) pound variance** at the official weigh-in time of the show.
4. Steers will be divided by weight and division. A minimum of five (5) steers of any division classified will be required to establish a class. Three (3) Exotic classes and one (1) American class. The show committee will establish classes.
5. Steers must be halter broken and shown with a halter. Nose rings are permitted. No additional restraining devices will be allowed. **Wild and unruly animals will be sifted by the judge and/or the ring superintendent.**
6. Steers must be de-horned, otherwise, they will be sifted.
7. All steers must be sheared slick-hair less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch in length. Inspection will be done by sifter at weigh-in. Animals not meeting this requirement will be sifted.

### JUNIOR BREEDING BEEF

1. All entries must be owned and a bona fide project of the boy or girl enrolled in 4-H or FFA in LaSalle County. The entry must be owned by the validation at that time. Heifers will be classified at validation by the show committee.
2. All heifers must have a current certificate of veterinary inspection (health papers) at show check in.

3. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show an unlimited number of animals in the junior breeding show.
4. Entries must have been born between the months of January two (2) years prior, and June prior to the show.
5. Heifers must be halter broken and shown with a halter. Nose rings are permitted. No additional restraining devices will be allowed. **Wild and unruly animals will be sifted by the judge and/or the ring superintendent.** All exhibitors must present their animals to the sifter on weigh-in day.
6. Classes will be determined by breed and age by the show committee.
7. Heifers twenty-four (24) months or older must be certified safe with calf in writing by a veterinarian prior to the show.
8. No dual ownership is allowed.

### GOATS

1. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show two (2) goats.
2. Castrated male goats and un-bred female goats will be shown together and will be divided into classes by weight.
3. The exhibitor must have owned the goat prior to validation and the goat shall have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor during the feeding period.
4. The goats must weigh between 70 and 120 pounds at the show **with a three (3) pound variance** at the official weighting or they will be sifted.
5. There will be four (4) classes of goats, divided by weights.
6. All goats must be dehorned or have horns tipped at validation.
7. All female goats must have their premise identification tag or tattoo at time of validation and the show.
8. The market goat show is terminal. No goats will be removed from the show barn.

### SWINE

1. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show two (2) hogs.
2. The exhibitor must have owned the pig prior to validation and the pig shall have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor during the feeding period.
3. Both barrows and gilts may be shown.
4. All breeds and crosses will be shown together. There will be four (4) classes divided by weight by the show committee.
5. Hogs must weigh between 235 and 280 pounds **with a three (3) pound variance** at the official weigh-in or they will be sifted.

6. The hog show is terminal. No hog will be removed from the show barn.

### **BROILERS**

1. Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter two (2) pens of broilers.
2. A pen of broilers will consist of three (3) birds.
3. The pens of broilers must weigh at least fifteen (15) pounds at the official weigh-in. Pens weighing under fifteen (15) pounds will be sifted.
4. Broilers will be placed on feed approximately seven (7) weeks prior to the show and it is suggested that a minimum of twenty-five (25) broilers be purchased and fed. All broilers must be purchased through the 4-H or FFA advisors. All broilers will come from the same hatch.
5. **Any exhibitor that does not remove their birds by 8 pm on the day of the auction, will be fined 10% of their total proceeds and/or banned for one year from the LaSalle County Junior Livestock Show.**

### **SHOWMANSHIP AWARD**

1. Awards will be given to the top showman in the junior and senior beef, goat and swine division of the show. Junior exhibitors are age thirteen (13) and under as of the date of the show.
2. Judging of the showmanship will be done while the exhibitor is showing their animal in its respective class. Finalists in each class will be brought back to the ring to compete for the showmanship award.
3. Showmanship winners will be announced after completion of the judging for showmanship. Buckles will be presented prior to the start of the auction.

### **AUCTION**

1. No exhibitor can sell more than one (1) project in the auction.
2. The junior livestock auction will be limited to a maximum of seventy-eight (78) lots. Those lots will be as follows: the top placing eighteen (18) steers, the top placing twenty-nine (29) goats, the top placing twenty-five (25) hogs, and the top placing six (6) pens of broilers.
3. The sale order will be according to placing of the animals in the show. The Grand Champion steer will sell first followed by the Grand Champion goat, hog, and broilers. The Reserve Champions will sell next in the same order.

Following the Reserve Champions will be all the remaining steers followed by goats, hogs, and broilers, as determined by placing in their classes.

4. If an exhibitor is not in their proper place at time of sifting, showing, or at the auction, they will be automatically disqualified unless three (3) or more directors approve the change.
5. Exhibitors who place more than one (1) animal must notify the designated representative immediately after the judging as to which animal they plan to sell. If the exhibitor fails to do so, the highest placing animal will be placed on the sale list.
6. Animals going through the auction should be presented as they were judged. No decorations are allowed.
7. No animal shall bring more through the auction than the Grand Champion or the highest placing animal in each species. Any amount bid over the price of the Grand Champion or the highest placing animal in the species will be distributed by the Booster Club.
8. **An acceptable record book and thank you letter\*\* must be turned in by the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Friday in April or a penalty of 1% per day of the exhibitors' sale proceeds will be withheld. Any funds withheld for penalty will be retained for redistribution by the Booster Club.**

**\* Active means during the entire feeding program.**

**\*\*An acceptable thank you letter must be hand-written, legible, and contain at least three (3) paragraphs.**