

Junior Show Rules and Regulations

Preamble:

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (the "Show") is organized for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. In accordance with the Bylaws of the Show, a livestock exposition shall be held once each year to encourage the improvement of the breeding and raising of cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, mules, poultry and other livestock and farm products for the benefit of the public. The Bylaws also state that the Show may promote and maintain educational functions. In keeping with these same Bylaws, the purpose of the Junior Livestock Division of the Houston Livestock Show shall be to encourage and promote the educational aspects of livestock projects conducted only by junior exhibitors under the proper supervision and direction of either an Agricultural Science Teacher (AST) or a County Extension Agent (CEA).

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo recognizes that the Texas Cooperative Extension, through its 4-H Clubs, and the Texas Education Agency, through the FFA Chapters, provide a valuable service to the public in educating Texas school students in the principles of successful raising and breeding of livestock. In order to encourage participation in the 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters throughout the state, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo includes as a part of its annual livestock exhibition the Junior Livestock Division which is a special exhibition for Texas 4-H Club and FFA members. The purpose of the Junior Livestock Division is to encourage participation in livestock projects conducted under the authority and supervision of all Agricultural Science Teachers (ASTs) or County Extension Agents (CEAs).

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo allows CEAs and ASTs in charge of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter livestock programs the opportunity to enter members which they believe have demonstrated exceptional interest and ability in the raising, caring and breeding of livestock, subject to these Special Rules. These Rules, however, are only prescribed as minimum requirements for participation in the Show, and are not intended to in any way limit the right of any CEA or AST, or the Texas Cooperative Extension or Texas Education Agency, to impose additional requirements as they may deem necessary regarding participation in the Junior Livestock Division.

The opportunity to enter 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members' projects in the Junior Livestock Division is only available to CEAs and ASTs supervising these livestock projects. In no event are these rules to be construed as making any offer or opportunity available to any 4-H Club or FFA Chapter member. In no event shall any CEA or AST be considered to be an agent of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for any purpose. This preamble shall be considered to be a part of these Special Rules for the Junior Livestock Division, and all rules are to be interpreted in accordance with the purposes herein described.

REQUIRED

Each 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Junior Exhibitor and Open Show Exhibitor must complete an IRS W-9 form and return it with entry. Premium payouts will not be made without a completed W-9 form.

- 1. General Rules:** All entries in this department are subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in this book, to these Special Junior Show Rules and to the Special Rules listed for each breed show. In the event of any conflict between these Special Junior Show Rules and the General Rules, the provisions of these Special Junior Show Rules shall govern.
- 2. Junior Show Participation:** Participation in the Junior Livestock Division is limited to Texas resident students, who are members of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, and who have continuously owned and personally fed and cared for their animals under the direct supervision of a CEA or AST. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private elementary or secondary schools in Texas. Students must be between the ages of 9 and 18 on or before Aug. 31, 2007. Exception: students in the 3rd grade become eligible on their 8th birthday. Each FFA Chapter and 4-H Club must be a member in good standing with their state and National affiliates.
- 3. Dual Show Entry:** Animals entered in the Junior Dairy Show, Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show, and the Junior Breeding Sheep Show may also enter the Open Show.
- 4. Entries:** Entries must be made by the CEAs and ASTs with one payment for total fees drawn on an account of the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and made payable to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Entries must be accompanied by the online entry summary sheet, a check for payment from the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, release of liability and indemnity for each exhibitor, W-9 form for each exhibitor, and W-9 form for the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Do not combine applications from more than one 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

5. **Late Entries:** Junior Show entries submitted after midnight, Dec. 1 and on or before midnight, Dec. 15 will be accepted with a \$250 late fee per club/chapter. Entries submitted after midnight, Dec. 16 until closing of check-in for individual species will be accepted with a \$500 extra late fee per entry submitted by mail or in person. Late entries are not guaranteed to be in pre-Show press releases.
6. **Individual Exhibitors:** Entry applications will not be accepted from individual junior exhibitors.
7. **Partnership Entries:** Partnership entries will not be accepted in market classes (steers, lambs, barrows, goats and poultry).
8. **Maximum Number of Entries:** For each individual junior exhibitor within the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, the CEAs and ASTs may enter a maximum of the following animals in the Junior Shows:

one market steer	one beef heifer
two dairy heifers	one pen of commercial steers
one market barrow	three breeding gilts
one market lamb	three individual breeding sheep per class
one group of sheep per group class	one market wether goat
one turkey	one pen of broilers

The use of 4-H membership and FFA membership to attempt to enter more than the maximum number of entries per junior exhibitor in each department will result in disqualification of each individual junior exhibitor involved.

9. **Club or Chapter Entries:** Entries made in the name of FFA chapters or 4-H clubs are not eligible in the Junior Livestock Show except for class 19 of the Junior Dairy Show, the Agricultural Mechanics Show and Judging Contests.
10. **Vehicle Permits:** Complimentary vehicle permits are offered with the following limitations:

Junior Show – vehicle permits will be based on the number of exhibitors per county or chapter per week as follows:

Number of Exhibitors	Permits Allowed
1 -10	4
11 - 15	6
16 - 20	8
21 - 25	10
26 - 30	12
31 - 50	20
51 & more	30

Permit must be displayed from rear view mirror and is transferable to other vehicles. Vehicle permits can not be purchased and are not distributed during the Show, they must be obtained in advance.

11. **Ineligible Exhibitors:** 4-H and FFA members are considered to be eligible by the Houston Livestock Show for participation in the Junior Livestock Show at the time entry applications are received from the AST/CEA. Any AST/CEA who has a member who becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the appropriate Superintendent of the Livestock Show at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of any Junior Show activity in which the ineligible exhibitor was to participate. If an exhibitor is determined ineligible, then the entry is ineligible.
12. **Foreign Exchange Students:** Non-United States citizens and Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete in the Junior Livestock Division. Such individuals are eligible to participate in the Open Livestock Show.
13. **Past Winners:** Junior exhibitors who have had a Grand Champion steer, lamb, goat, barrow, pen of broilers or turkey at any prior Houston Livestock Show are not eligible to compete in the division in which their prior Grand Champion was exhibited. The winner of a previous Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Show cannot compete in that show.

14. Substitute Exhibitor: Junior Show animals must be exhibited and sold by its owner. EXCEPTION: A substitute exhibitor may be used under the following conditions:

- a. When an exhibitor has more than one entry in the Junior Show and cannot be present to show their animal
- b. When an exhibitor is sick **(must be accompanied by a signed statement from a doctor)**
- c. Approved school activities, TAAS test, etc. **(must be accompanied by a signed statement from a school official on school letterhead)**

When one of the above conditions exists, the department superintendent may decide whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a substitute is allowed by the department superintendent, the substitute showman must be from the same county as the original exhibitor. The substitute exhibitor also must meet all requirements of a Junior Livestock Show exhibitor. If only one exhibitor is present from a county, the department superintendent can approve a substitute from another county. An exhibitor may be used as a substitute only one time per department. An official substitute exhibitor form must be filled out and turned in to department superintendent until closing of check-in. The department superintendent may also require positive identification of the substitute.

15. Ownership Dates: The feeding and fitting period shall begin on or before:

- June 30 Junior Market Steers
- Sept. 30..... Junior Commercial Steers
- Oct. 31 Junior Market Lambs
- Nov. 1..... Junior Breeding Beef
- Oct. 31 Junior Dairy Heifers
- Oct. 31 Junior Market Goats
- Nov. 30..... Junior Market Barrows
- Nov. 1..... Junior Breeding Sheep
- Dec. 1..... Junior Breeding Gilts

16. Ownership Certification/Fitting: Exhibitors must own their animals at the beginning of and throughout the feeding period. Exhibitor must feed, care for and exhibit animals entered without any aid or assistance during the entire feeding period, except from CEA or AST or from other junior exhibitors and leaders within their county. After validation, any animal which has sold at a private or public auction or by private treaty is not eligible for the Junior Show. CEAs and ASTs desiring to enter Junior Livestock Show exhibitors must sign a certification on the entry application that the animal was raised under his or her supervision and was purchased, raised and otherwise prepared for show exclusively by the entrant in accordance with the rules of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

17. Refunds: Entry fees will not be refunded after Dec. 1.

18. Stall Space: Animals entered in the Junior Livestock Show must be stalled or penned in the special divisions set aside for this purpose. Stall space is not guaranteed for each entry fee paid in the cattle shows. After the animals have been stalled, they shall not be moved to any other part of the barn except on the consent of either the Livestock Show management or of the superintendent of the department. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to keep pens or stalls clean and in a presentable condition. "For Sale" signs will not be permitted on or adjacent to any animal entered in the Show.

19. Pre-Stalling: Heifers are pre-stalled. CEAs and ASTs must notify the Show by Feb. 15 of the number of steers and heifers they will bring to the Show, using the Junior Show Confirmation Card. The Junior Show Confirmation Card will be mailed to each CEA and AST after entries have been received by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Those failing to comply will not be stalled until after all pre-stalled cattle have arrived. There is no room for tack or lounging stalls. Members of the same FFA Chapter or 4-H Club will be stalled together. FFA Chapters or 4-H Clubs desiring to be stalled with other groups must make this request on the Junior Show Confirmation Card. Every group involved must confirm their entries and request group stalling on separate Confirmation Cards sent by the supervising AST or CEA. Request from non-supervisors will not be honored. Requests are limited to a maximum of four groups, except that all groups located in the same county may request group stalling regardless of number. Request for more than four groups will be divided. Request for specified areas of the barn also may be made and will be honored if possible.

Junior Market Lambs and Goat are pre-stalled. CEAs and ASTs must complete and return the pre-stalling request form, located under both the Junior Market Lamb and Junior Market Goat sections of the Premium Book.

20. Stalling Upon Arrival: Steers and Barrows are stalled upon arrival. To pen together at Houston, groups MUST arrive together at the staging area. No assignments will be made for animals in trailers or vehicles that are coming later. Animals will be counted on the trailers or vehicles. Only trailers or vehicles with animals will be staged. Please see special rules of each specie for staging times.

- 21. Feed:** Exhibitors in the Junior Livestock Show may not take an excessive amount of feed (grain mixtures and concentrates) into the Show buildings.
- 22. Certification Forms and Health Papers:** Junior Show exhibitors are required to have a drug certification form signed by the following: (a) Junior Exhibitor; (b) Parent or Guardian; and (c) CEA or AST. The Drug Certification Form is on the reverse side of the entry application. No junior animal will be allowed to show without this certification form properly filled out and notarized. Health papers are not required on Junior Market Steers, Barrows, Lambs, Goats or Junior Commercial Steers. Health papers are required on Junior Breeding Beef Heifers, Junior Breeding Gilts, and Junior Breeding Sheep.
- 23. Drug Certification Agreement:** Exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that the entry has not been administered or that the exhibitor and parent/guardian does not have any knowledge that this entry has received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Furthermore, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certifies that this entry is free and clear of **ALL** drug and chemical residue withdrawal and elimination time periods.
- 24. Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification:** To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Animals that have been administered an approved drug or chemical must allow sufficient time so that the drug or chemical is completely eliminated from the animal's system upon arrival at Reliant Park. Animals must remain free and clear of all drugs and chemical residues while on show grounds.
- a. **Unethical Fitting:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes the use of injections, draining of fluids and bruising or feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass. Unethical fitting also includes, but is not limited to, surgical alterations, artificially filling animals by stomach pumping, airing injections and bruising. Animals showing signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified.
 - b. **Over Age Animals:** Over age animals will be disqualified.
 - c. **Unapproved Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
 - d. **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for their species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at Reliant Park. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
 - e. **Animal Inspection:** As condition for participation in the Show, exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Show. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Show or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. Further, the 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 laboratory 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 and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.
 - f. **Unmanageable Animals:** The Show may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable.
 - g. **Nonadherence to Rules:** Any person found guilty of misrepresentation or not abiding by the Show rules will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

h. **Emergency Treatment:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on Show grounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Show veterinarian, but the official Show veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present. Animals which are administered treatments with a withdrawal or extended elimination time period will be disqualified from competition. Furthermore, The Official Show Veterinarian, in agreement with Show Management, reserve the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Show Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Show Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal, and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and or elimination time, will be determined ineligible for competition.

i. **Treatment Cost:** All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

25. Wholesome Meat Act: The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all market livestock. Only animals eligible for immediate slaughter may be brought onto the grounds and exhibited:

a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.

b. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.

c. If drug or chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of carcasses or the sale price of the animal. In such cases, the exhibitor forfeits all rights to any and all proceeds including: Auction Price, Scholarships, Premium Awards, Market (Floor) Price and Special Awards.

26. Disclaimer of Warranties: The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo expressly disclaims any express or implied warranties (including merchantability), whether the goods or services are provided by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo or by others (such as drug testing). The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo does NOT provide security or guard services and is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing 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 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. Disqualification results in forfeiture of all prize money and auction proceeds.

27. Disqualification/Condemnation of Animal: The Show reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives as described in Rule 24, 24a, 22c and 22d, and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sale and/or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If an animal(s) is disqualified for testing positive and/or the carcass condemned at slaughter, the class placing will not change. An exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.

28. Rule Infraction Database: Each exhibitor understands and agrees that the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is entitled to report any and all rule infractions to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALSRMA) Rule Infraction Database (RID). The exhibitor agrees that this information will be available to the membership of the NALSRMA.

29. Ultimate Care and Responsibility: By making entry into the Show the exhibitor agrees and understands that ultimate care and responsibility for an animal(s) rest solely upon the exhibitor until such time that possession of the animal is turned over to the Show and/or its agent(s).

30. Usage of Electronic Devices: Neither contestants or exhibitors may be in possession of electronic communication or storage devices at any time during judging or while in arena or in competition. These devices include but are not limited to cell phones, Palm Pilots, Blackberries, personal computers, pagers, radio device, such as a walkie talkie, and/or hands-free phone devices.



Rules Governing Junior Market Guaranteed Premiums and Livestock Auctions

1. **Release of Champions:** Exhibitors of Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals must remain with their animals until they are received by the commission company.
2. **Ribbon Winners:** All steers, lambs, barrows, goats and poultry that have won ribbons while competing in their individual classes will become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in return for a Guaranteed Premium. A schedule of the Guaranteed Premiums is shown in the Special Rules section found in each Junior Market Animal Show. Animals will be sold by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in their respective Junior Market Auctions.
3. **Sale Proceeds:** Junior Market Auction proceeds will be paid to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. All Guaranteed Premiums will be disbursed after the Livestock Show is completed.
4. **Withhold Guaranteed Premiums:** The Guaranteed Premium will be withheld if, after slaughter, the exhibitor's animal is found to have been tampered with or altered.
5. **Substitutions:** Separate auctions will be provided for market steers, lambs/goats, barrows and poultry. Superintendent's permission for someone other than exhibitor to take steers, lambs/goats, barrows or poultry through the auction must be obtained prior to the auction.
6. **Thank You Notes:** The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo requires Junior exhibitors with animals in the Junior Market Auctions to write thank you notes to the buyers. Buyer information will be sent to the AST/CEA along with a verification form. When thank you notes have been sent to the buyers, the verification form must be sent to the Livestock Office stating that all notes have been mailed. As checks are prepared, they will be mailed to the club or chapter.
7. **Decorations:** No decorations are allowed at the sale. The animal must be in a natural state.
8. **Animal Care:** It is the exhibitors' responsibility to take proper care of their animals until the animals are delivered onto the truck of the auction commission agent following the auction. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of Guaranteed Premiums. Only animals that have won ribbons while competing in their individual classes will be eligible for sale in their respective Junior market auctions. Exhibitors of sifted or non-ribbon Junior market animals will be charged a nominal commission and yardage and trucking cost for animals sold while at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
9. **Placing Animals:** Animals are not considered to be placing animals until that animal has completed all stages of the particular show and has received a ribbon or rosette corresponding with the official placing by the judge.