

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS

INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATIONS OF RULES

The Austin County Fair Association reserves to its executive committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to determine the matters in regard thereto, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums, and he shall be subject to such penalty as the executive committee may order.

INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES

If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent or servants, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, shows any disrespect toward them or the show, the management may demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, or it may also withhold from such exhibitor such premiums that may have been awarded, or take such steps as they deem necessary.

All exhibits will be under the control of the board of directors, but the organization will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage, done to or occasioned by, arising from any animal exhibited by him. He shall indemnify the organization against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage to any of the animals exhibited by him or arising out of or in any connection with such exhibitors or any of the animals solely exhibited. All protests must be filed in writing at the Fair Office with a non-refundable fee of \$100 per exhibitor.

ALL ENTRIES IN THE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR MUST COMPLY WITH THE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION REGULATIONS AND ANY REGULATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS GOVERNING ADMISSION OF LIVESTOCK INTO SHOWS, FAIRS, AND EXHIBITIONS.

1. In order for an exhibitor to be eligible to show in the Austin County Fair, his entry card(s) must be in the Fair Office by August 29, 2008, accompanied by the applicable entry fees and **A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE**.
2. All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors must have entry card certified to ownership by their parents and supervisor or 4-H leader.
3. All exhibitors must be a permanent resident in Austin County or be enrolled in a public school district, private school district or home school in Austin County and enrolled in a 4-H or FFA Chapter in Austin County and not have graduated high school in order to exhibit at the Austin County Fair.
4. If an exhibitor sells an animal at an adjacent county fair within 60 days prior to the Austin County Fair, he/she is ineligible to show or sell another market animal at the Austin County Fair. This does not include major shows.

5. Family tagging and tattooing will be allowed in 2008. This will be interpreted as immediate family living in the same household. This rule applies to Steer, Heifer, Lamb, Swine, Broiler, Turkey, Goat, Rabbit and Horse divisions.

ALL SWINE MUST BE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED WITH EAR TAGS BY SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008.

SWINE TAGGING DATES ARE:

Saturday, 7/05/08, Fairgrounds in Bellville, 6:00 -8:00 A.M.

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EXHIBITORS WILL BE CHARGED \$5.00 PER ANIMAL TAGGED.

ALL LAMBS MUST BE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED WITH EAR TAGS BY JULY 19, 2008.

LAMB TAGGING DATE IS:

Saturday, 7/19/07, Fairgrounds in Bellville, 7:00 - 9:00 A.M.

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE TAG-IN FOR LAMBS

EXHIBITORS WILL BE CHARGED \$5.00 PER ANIMAL TAGGED.

ALL GOATS MUST BE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED WITH EAR TAGS BY JULY 19, 2008.

GOAT TAGGING DATE IS:

Saturday, 7/19/08, Fairgrounds in Bellville, 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE TAG-IN FOR GOATS

EXHIBITORS WILL BE CHARGED \$5.00 PER ANIMAL TAGGED.

STEER & COMMERCIAL HEIFER TAGGING DATES:

Saturday, 5/03/08, Four County Auction in Industry,
7:00 - 10:00 A.M.

EXHIBITORS WILL BE CHARGED \$10.00 PER ANIMAL TAGGED.

6. All exhibitors of swine, beef cattle, lambs, goats, and market rabbits will be required to fill out an information sheet (not an entry card) when the animals are tagged. Exhibitors of Broilers and Turkeys will be required to fill out an information sheet (not an entry card) when ordering. The form will include a statement as to the physical location of the animal with a release stating that this is for committee use in project visits.

7. All parents of exhibitors who **SHOW OR SELL** in the Livestock Division of the Austin County Fair are required to work a minimum of three (3) hours at either the entrance gates or refreshment facilities. Parents choosing not to work a three (3) hour shift will be assessed a fee of \$100 per exhibitor, which must be attached to the exhibitor entry card, in order for the exhibitor to be eligible to show or sell. **THIS RULE DOES NOT APPLY TO 4-H OR FFA CONCESSIONS.**
8. All market animal exhibitors will be allowed as many entries as desired, but can only present to the sifting committee a maximum of two sale animals and may only sell one. In the Steer, Swine, Lamb, Commercial Heifer, Goat and Horse divisions, an exhibitor may have two entries with no back up animal. If an exhibitor shows two entries in a division, he will be ineligible to show in any other division, excluding scramble heifers and breeding rabbits. Broiler, Turkey, and Rabbit exhibitors may have one entry in these divisions with one back up entry. No back up entries are to be unloaded if first animal passes sifting.
Broiler, Turkey, and Rabbit exhibitors will be eligible to show one other entry in another division.
Scramble Heifers and Breeding Rabbits are not considered market animals, therefore, an exhibitor may enter two sale animals along with the scramble heifer or breeding rabbits, but may only sell one market animal. **NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED.**
9. Rabbit breeding stock for show must be owned 30 days prior to show. Breeding stock for market rabbits must be owned 120 days prior to show. Exhibitors feeding at a location other than their own home must bring it to the attention of the Livestock Superintendent and/or show officials at time validation sheets are due.
10. In the Steer division, if any exhibitor has two (2) entries that qualify for the sale, he has the right to choose which entry he wants to sell (except for Grand Champion or Reserve Champion, which must sell) if the **Fair Office is notified by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 9, 2008.** Otherwise, the highest placed animal will sell. Exhibitors placing two (2) barrows in the top 11 in any weight class will have the option of which barrow sells. Exhibitors must notify the committee chairman by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 9, 2008. After the top 11 in each class are in the sale, the remaining barrow sale lots will be given to the next highest placing barrows eligible. In the Lamb and Goat divisions, highest place sells. (**Refer to Youth Sale Rules for additional Sale Rules and Regulations).
11. No animals are to be unloaded on the Fairgrounds before NOON on Tuesday, October 7, 2008.
12. All animals (including poultry and rabbits) leaving the Fairgrounds must obtain a release from the committee chairman and the Fair Office.
13. All cattle must be halter broken and easy to handle by the Mandatory Beef Meeting on

August 7, 2008.

14. All animals and poultry must be in their assigned places on time according to the daily schedule.
15. All animals and poultry must be kept in their assigned places until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 12, 2008, unless released by a division chairman or superintendent. Livestock exhibitors will be permitted to display a sign over each exhibit advertising the exhibitor's herd; however, they may be no larger than the standard exhibitor cards and must be approved by the management. **NO FOR SALE SIGNS PERMITTED.**
16. All exhibitors will be required to bring their own feed, hay, water buckets, etc. to the show.
17. All exhibit areas are to be kept clean during visitor hours. Animals, including poultry and rabbits, must be fed and cleaned by 9:00 A.M. each morning. If an exhibitor fails to keep his/her exhibit clean on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, he or she will be exempt from the Youth Auction Sale. On Saturday or Sunday, a \$50.00 fee will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check. A committee has been appointed to enforce this rule. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED DURING THE 2008 FAIR.**
18. No loose hay will be permitted on the floors of stalls or in the barn.
19. **DRESS CODE** - All exhibitors must wear appropriate clothing while in the show ring and the sale ring. Any exhibitor whose wardrobe is deemed inappropriate may be disqualified from the show.
20. **UNETHICAL FITTING AND SHOWING OF LIVESTOCK** Unethical practices performed on any livestock entry or entry form in order to deceive judges or the sifting and project committee members is prohibited, and the exhibitor shall be barred from this show and all future shows. Unethical practices will be determined by the Executive Committee of the Austin County Fair Association with assistance from anyone deemed necessary. All market sale lots must be withdrawn from medication prior to slaughter in accordance with FDA regulations. Any exhibit requiring medication during the Fair must have the approval of the Livestock Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent or the respective committee chairman prior to being administered. Exhibits must then be held a sufficient time by the exhibitor prior to slaughter. Any market exhibit condemned at slaughter for such reason will forfeit its sale check.

All horses must be shown free of a prohibited substance (medication) in accordance with AQHA Rule 441 (H) or forfeit its sale check and all other awards. Non sale animals will forfeit all awards.

21. All market animals are subject to re-weigh by the Livestock Superintendent or Committee Chairman.
22. All entries will be exhibited and sold by their owners unless he/she is physically unable or academically ineligible to do so, or if the exhibitor has more than one entry showing in different divisions at the same time. Exhibits to be shown or sold by someone else other than the owner must be approved in writing by the respective committee chairman. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain and complete the required form. Forms will be available at the Fair Office.
23. All animals in this show and sale must have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor in an approved location for the show. If the exhibitor does not meet the qualifications above, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the show and sale.
20. Resale list is final.
21. No Pass Out (PO) will be allowed in any department.
22. **All animals will be subject to use during the Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, October 11, 2008.**
23. All exhibitors must turn in a **Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope with entry card and entry fees by August 29, 2008.** A list of buyers and add-on donors will be mailed to exhibitor on October 14, 2008.
24. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE STAMPED, ADDRESSED AND UNSEALED THANK YOU NOTES TO THEIR BUYERS AND TROPHY SPONSORS IN THE FAIR OFFICE TO BE MAILED BY THE FAIR OFFICE BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OR THEIR SALE CHECK WILL NOT BE ISSUED.**