

GENERAL RULES

NEW THIS YEAR: EXHIBITOR REQUIRED WORKDAYS-

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1. **DATE:** The Brown County Youth Fair will begin on Sunday, January 4, 2020.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:**
 - A. The **parent(s) or legal guardian** of all exhibitors of the Brown County Youth Fair **and/or exhibitor** must be a current member of the Brown County Fair Association.
 - B. Memberships must be paid by the weigh-in day of the Brown County Youth Fair.
 - C. In the event of a hardship case, the President will appoint a three-person committee to govern such matters. Hardship cases must be reported at entry deadline.
 - D. The Association Secretary will check the entries.
3. **ENTRIES:**
 - A. Entry fees will be as follows:

Steers and Heifers	\$15.00
Sheep, Goats, Swine	\$15.00
Horses	\$15.00
Rabbits	\$15.00
Home Economics Entries	\$2.00
Ag Mechanics	\$25.00
 - B. The entry for the livestock and rabbit divisions will be limited to two (2) head per division except for the Horse Divisions which allow three (3) entries.

C. The weighing of all entries will be limited to two (2) head per exhibitor in each division. If either of the two presented at weigh-in weighs less than the minimum required or more than the maximum allowed, that animal cannot be replaced with another validated animal.

D. Entries for the 2020 Brown County Youth Fair will close November 22, 2019.

E. Entries must be certified by a Vocational Agriculture (FFA) Teacher, County Agent, Home Economics Teacher (FCCLA) or 4-H member of Skills USA, 4-H Adult Leader. Entry cards will be in the hands of the above mentioned by October 1, 2019.

F. Tabulation will be Monday, December 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the place designated by board.

G. There will be a late fee of \$25.00 in addition to regular entry fee for each late entry through weigh-in before the Youth Fair begins (NO EXCEPTIONS!).

4. ELIGIBILITY:

A. An exhibitor is:

i. Any boy or girl who is enrolled in third grade and/or nine (9) years old by show date.

ii. A qualified member of an FFA Chapter, FCCLA Chapter, Home Economic Class, or 4-H Club in Brown County.

iii. Lives in Brown County or be enrolled in a public, private or home school in Brown County. No exhibitors are eligible after graduation from high school.

iv. Any child under the age of 9 may show in breeding division and horse division ONLY.

B. A member of a FFA, FCCLA or 4-H Club who has participated in another county show is ineligible to participate in the Brown County Youth Fair. Exhibitors may only show in one (1) county show.

C. Any exception on eligibility can be reviewed by the Youth Fair Steering Committee prior to validation by submitting a written request.

D. Each school district will determine the academic eligibility of each exhibitor in accordance with No Pass/No Play rules. **No Pass, No Play, No Show subject to school rulings.**

When an exhibitor becomes ineligible, the entry becomes ineligible.

E. Entries can only be shown in one (1) Division in the Brown County Youth Fair.

F. Any animal without a legible County or State tattoo at weigh in will be re-tattooed, have DNA pulled, and if confirmed by testing the animal is not the same as was validated, the exhibitor will not be eligible to receive any awards or premiums for the current Brown County Youth Fair.

G. The Brown County Fair Association reserves the right to perform Drug testing on any/all animals entered in the Youth Fair.

5. OWNERSHIP:

A. To be eligible for competition, an entry must be owned by the exhibitor and must be continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor from the date of validation or for sixty (60) days (rabbits four (4) weeks) prior to the show, whichever comes first, until date

of the show. All care and fitting will be done by the exhibitor, the immediate family, CEA, Vocational Agriculture Teachers or other eligible exhibitor.

B. All registered species must follow division rules.

6. **VALIDATION:**

A. All market steers must be validated according to the Texas State Validation Rule and all entries must have the validation tag corresponding to the validation record of the tag number and description.

B. Validation will be checked at check-in and State Validation Rules will be followed.

C. There will be no limit on the number of animals an exhibitor may validate.

D. There will be a \$10.00 fee for each animal validated for the Brown County Youth Fair.

E. Each animal must be validated in each exhibitor's family name.

F. Validation dates are final with NO LATE VALIDATION (State or County) eligible to show at the Brown County Youth Fair. Late validation defined as being after the Brown County Youth Fair validation dates.

G. Animals must be State and/or County validated in Brown County to be eligible to show in the Brown County Youth Fair.

H. Animals may not be validated in more than one county to be eligible to show in the Brown County Youth Fair.

I. Any exception on validation rules can be reviewed by the Youth Fair Steering Committee prior to entry deadline by submitting a written request.

J. AN ENTRY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW UNLESS IT IS PROPERLY VALIDATED except for rabbits. Rabbits do not have to be validated.

K. Validation for the Horse Division is attendance at the mandatory practice.

L. All **STATE** tag numbers list must be turned in at end of validation day.

7. **CARE OF ENTRIES:**

A. All exhibitors shall care for, guard and protect their entry. The Brown County Fair Association does not undertake to do so and will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any exhibit.

B. No animals will be allowed to leave the facilities after weigh-in.

C. All animals must be in their pen or stall by 11:00 p.m. each night. Cattle that are tied in outside stalls are the only exception.

8. **CHECK IN PROCEDURES:**

A. **All trailers will be moved to the East side of the Rodeo Grounds immediately after unloading.** Any trailers left unhooked will remain on the east side of the rodeo grounds. Exception: Horse trailers will park behind the Home Economics Building on Friday only. Do not block drive or road.

B. All animals will be inspected upon arrival and any diseased, fungus or unsuitable animal must be removed from the location immediately and shall neither be sold at floor price nor put on the truck.

- C. All market entries shall be weighed on official BCFA scales, sifted and classified on location at the time of check-in before becoming eligible to show. This will be done by a designated person appointed by the Superintendent.
- D. All Lamb and Goat Division entries must be free of all blankets, halters, and/or chains at weigh-in.
- E. All sifted animals must be removed from the barns *immediately*.
- F. Classification is final, and classes will be divided for judging accordingly.
- G. There will not be any re-weighing or reclassification.
- H. Ag Teachers, County Agents and their representatives must be available in the barn when their chapter or club's animals are being weighed and sifted.
- I. Any animal without a legible County or State tattoo at weigh in will be re-tattooed, have DNA pulled, and if confirmed by testing the animal is not the same as was validated, the exhibitor will not be eligible to receive any awards or premiums for the current Brown County Youth Fair.

9. **EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY:**

- A. Exhibitor's responsibility at the Brown County Youth Fair starts when the exhibitor's animal(s) is weighed and is not over until the exhibitor's animal(s) is loaded on a truck for shipment or taken home. Be alert and ensure animals are in the proper place always.
- B. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the time and place in which their entry will be judged.
- C. Any entry not present at the designated time and place will be ruled ineligible and barred from competition in that class.
- D. No complaint for entries overlooked due to no show during class will be considered.
- E. Aisles will be left clear of any equipment or other material.
- F. **Any animals which cannot be handled by the exhibitor and which represents a hazard to the safety and conduct of the show will be removed from the ring.**
- G. There will be no packer truck bid in the Swine Division. Each Exhibitor is responsible for the disposition of his/her animal after the show.
- H. The exhibitor with their entry or entries to be exhibited in the Horse Division is required to attend the mandatory show practice together, which will be validation. Practice to be held on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Show arena in the Youth Fair Barns.
- I. **All show animals must remain in their stalls or pens, fed and watered by exhibitor on a regular schedule, until Friday except for Grand and Reserve Champion winners which must stay until the premium sale. Any violation of this rule will forfeit all premiums won at the Brown County Youth Fair and disqualifies exhibitor from participating in the premium auction.**
- J. Exhibitors are responsible for writing a "Thank You" card for any plaques/banners or belt buckles. **The plaques and buckles will be held in the office until a "Thank You" card with an open, stamped and addressed envelope is received by the Brown County Youth Fair office.** If the card is not turned into the Youth Fair Office prior to the end of the Youth Fair, the buckle or Plaque/Banner will be distributed to

exhibitor's supervisor on the same schedule as the premium and market checks. The "Thank you" card with an open, stamped and addressed envelope must be turned in prior to the exhibitor's supervisor releasing the plaque/banners, buckle and/or checks.

- K. Exhibitors are responsible for writing a "Thank You" card for their premium sale item. The exhibitor's supervisor must receive and approve the "Thank You" card with an open, stamped and addressed envelope prior to distribution of the market or premium check.
- L. Exhibitors are responsible for picking up prize money from the Youth Fair office during the week of youth fair.
- M. Exhibitors should wear appropriate show clothing (shirts with collars and tucked into jeans) in the ring.

10. **ASSISTANCE:**

- A. Each exhibitor shall show his or her entry without assistance.
- B. In the event an exhibitor has more than one entry in a given class, a qualified exhibitor may only show one time for another exhibitor, providing the name of the qualified exhibitor is given to the superintendent of that division prior to the beginning of that division.
- C. **ANY EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.**
- D. Any exhibitor who qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act may have the assistance of his or her legal guardian in the show ring during the exhibition of the animal.

11. **TAMPERING:**

- A. There will be absolutely no abuse or tampering of any entry by any person. Violation of this rule can lead to disqualification.
- B. Evidence of deliberate tampering or hanging of the ear tag or attempting removal will disqualify the exhibitor of all entries in this show.
- C. Animals showing signs of having been operated upon or tampered with for concealing faults in conformation or with intent to deceive, relative to the animal's soundness and natural development, including growth stimulants and/or steroids, will be disqualified.
- D. Drench guns may not be used in any stall/pen, aisle or walkway. Stomach pumping, Drenching tubes, or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.

12. **NO ADHESIVES:**

No powders or color, false tail heads, glued-on hair or hair-like substance, glue, glue-like substance, spray adhesives or similar substances may be used to fit any animals in all divisions. Evidence of any item being used will cause the entry to be disqualified by Superintendent and/or ring steward.

13. **LIVESTOCK ELIGIBILITY:**

- A. No animal is eligible to show in the Brown County Youth Fair if the animal has been shown at a major/terminal show.
- B. All livestock must be gentle, and halter broke to show. Any unruly animal will not be allowed to show and will be removed from the show ring and disqualified.
- C. Any animal requiring medication must be attended by a licensed veterinarian.
- D. Entries can only be shown in one (1) Division in the Brown County Youth Fair.

14. **SHOWMANSHIP:**

- A. There will be a Jackpot Junior and Senior Showmanship show in the following Divisions:
 - Market Steer Division
 - Market Goat Division
 - Market Rabbit Division
 - Market Lamb Division
 - Market Swine Division
 - Breeding Heifer Division
- B. There will be a Jackpot Showmanship show for the following Divisions:
 - Breeding Boer Goat Division
 - Breeding Hair Sheep Division
 - Breeding Gilt Division
- C. There will be a Peewee Jackpot Showmanship show for the following divisions:
 - Breeding Boer Goat Division
 - Breeding Hair Sheep Division
 - Breeding Gilt Division
 - Breeding Heifer Division
- D. An entry fee of \$5.00 will be required as exhibitor enters the show ring for the showmanship show, except Rabbit division.
- E. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal in the showmanship contest.
- F. The Judge of each division will select the winner.
- G. For Showmanship classes for Market Divisions and Horse Division:
 - Senior Division - Grades 9 - 12
 - Junior Division - Grades 3 - 8
- H. **Horse Division Showmanship is considered a class and requires an entry.**

15. **SALE:**

- A. The number of entries eligible to be sold through the premium auction will be limited to one entry per exhibitor.
- B. Only animals placing in the top 75% of their class, as posted, are eligible to sell. The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, third and fourth place Single Meat Fryer rabbits may sell. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market animals will sell at the start of the sale, if eligible.
- C. No breeding animals will be sold in the premium sale.
- D. The sale list will be posted at the office as soon as possible after each division is judged and remain until 8:00 p.m. on Friday.
- E. The sale list is subject to change if exhibitor has an entry in more than one division.
- F. **There will be no sale order changes after 9:00 p.m. on Friday.**
- G. Any animal scratched from the sale order cannot be replaced or substituted by another.

- H. If exhibitor's name appears on more than one sale order list, exhibitor must notify the office immediately. The Sales office will pick the highest placing entry to sell except for the Steer Division.
 - I. The Home Economics Division results will be posted at the Youth Fair Office by 12:00 p.m. on Friday.
 - J. If the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Division winner in the Home Economics Division declines to sell a Home Economics item, then that place will be dropped from the Premium Auction Sale.
 - K. If an exhibitor in the Home Economics Division wins more than one division, they must choose which item will be sold in the auction. If choice has not been made by 9:00 p.m. on Friday, then the choice will be made by the Youth Fair Steering Committee.
 - L. The exhibitor must appear at the sale. Extenuating circumstances will be considered prior to the sale by the Youth Fair Steering Committee if the advisor submits a signed letter from the exhibitor explaining the absence.
 - M. The Floor Price for market animals and Home Economic Champions will be set separately by the Finance Committee prior to the beginning of the sale. The Floor Price will be tiered descending in value with the following placing: Breed Champions of each Division, 1st through 3rd place of each Division, 4th through 6th place of each Division, and 7th through all remaining placing of each Division.
16. **DISCHARGE PROCEDURES:** All show animals must remain in their stall or pen until released by the superintendent on **Friday at discretion of Superintendent.** Grand and Reserve market animals must remain in the barn until after premium sale, **NO STAND-IN ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Any violation of this rule will forfeit all premiums won at the Brown County Youth Fair and disqualifies exhibitor from participating in the premium auction.
17. **COMPLAINTS:**
- A. All complaints, suggestions or criticisms are to be in writing and signed and submitted to the Youth Fair Steering Committee.
 - B. No oral or unsigned complaint will be acted on.
 - C. The ruling of the Brown County Youth Fair Steering Committee is final and absolute.
18. **STEERING COMMITTEE:**
The Brown County Youth Fair, acting through its Steering Committee, reserves the right to interpret, change, or annul the rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences brought before them.
19. **SECURITY:**
- A. The Youth Fair will have a night watchman who shall be in complete charge of all buildings during the hours of darkness. He shall have the authority of maintaining discipline during his tour of duty.

20. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- A. There will be no personal financial sponsorships for individual exhibitors allowed.
- B. No unauthorized animals will be allowed on the grounds.
- C. Only heaters provided by the Brown County Fair Association will be allowed in the barns.

21. **NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS:**

The Brown County Fair Association will pull DNA sample and/or Drug test on all Grand and Reserve, Division and Breed Champions for 2019 (Lamb, Goat, Swine, Rabbit & Steer). FDA Label Animal Specific dose per label. If animal failed test is contested, contestant is responsible for split sample testing fees. Contestant has 60 days from end of show to contest results.

22. **NO CLIPPING:**

Absolutely no clipping is allowed on any livestock after its arrival at the Fair Grounds. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitor and entry.

23. **VIOLATIONS:**

Violation of any rule will be cause for the exhibitor and entry to be disqualified and forfeit all prizes and premiums - - no exceptions.

PROCEDURES FOR SALE OF LIVESTOCK

1. **NON-AUCTION ANIMALS**

The Brown County Youth Fair Steering Committee will announce the prices per pound for market animals on Saturday. Exhibitors wishing to sell at that price will bring their copy of the weight ticket and deliver their animal personally to the designated area at the announced time. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to deliver their animal at the designated time and place. Any animal not delivered as requested will be disposed of by the exhibitor. The Sales Committee will determine the ear tag number and have the animals loaded.

2. **SALE LIST**

- A. Sale lists will be posted at the office as soon as possible after each division is judged and remain until 8:00 p.m. Friday. If an animal entry is picked in lieu of the Home Economics entry, the homemaking entry will be dropped.
- B. Responsibility of the exhibitor:
 - 1. Verify the ear tag number to ensure that the correct animal is listed.
 - 2. Verify weight.
 - 3. Verify correct spelling of name.
 - 4. Notify office of any error.

5. **If exhibitors name appears on more than one sale order list, exhibitor must notify office as soon as possible. Sale office will pick the highest placing entry to sell with exception of the Steer Division.**
6. No changes will be made after 9:00 p.m. on Friday.
7. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to deliver their animal at the designated time and place. Any animal not delivered as requested will be disposed of by the exhibitor.
8. If an exhibitor wins more than one division in the Home Economics Division, he/she must choose which item will be entered in the auction. If choice has not been made by 9:00 p.m. on Friday, the choice will be made by the Youth Fair Steering Committee.
9. If the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Division winner declines to sell a Home Economic item, then that place will be dropped from the Premium Auction Sale.
10. Deadline to inform the office if an exhibitor wishes to sell their market Steer in the Premium Auction Sale is as soon as possible after the show on Friday.

3. **PAYMENTS**

- A. Exhibitors must be present to sell.
- B. Exhibitors who have an item in the premium sale will receive one (1) check for the premium sale. The checks will be delivered to the exhibitor's supervisor (Agriculture Science Teachers, Home Economic Teachers, or Brown County Extension Office) within 60 days of the premium sale.
- C. Exhibitors are responsible for writing a **"Thank You" card** for the premium sale item. The Supervisor must approve a **"Thank You" card** with an **open, stamped and addressed envelope** prior to distributing the check.

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Show for clean up. **In the event you were unable to participate in at least one of these workdays you must write a one-page essay as to why you were unable to attend and present it in person at the February board meeting to the entire board of directors for consideration.**

E. All checks must be negotiated within 90 days of issuance or premium is forfeited.

4. **LOADING OF ANIMALS**

- A. If an exhibitor wishes to sell his/her animals for the market truck, they must inform the superintendent at weigh in.
- B. Shipped animals will be loaded on the truck by the seller and the ear tag number will be verified.
- C. Goats and Sheep will load out at a time specified by the Superintendent.
- D. The Sales Committee will assist the market truck to identify their animals on Saturday.

5. **SALE ORDER**

The Sale order for the 2020 auction will be Market Goats, Market Lambs, Market Swine, Market Steers and Market Rabbits in the following order:

Champions of each Division
Reserve Champions of each Division
Breed Champions of each Division
Reserve Breed Champions of each Division
Steers (all places)

Beginning with the 1st place animals, the top 75% of each class of each Division will be auctioned in place order except Market Rabbits which will sell the top four. (Example: 1st. Place of the Rabbit, Goat, Lamb, and Swine then 2nd place of each, etc.)

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals must be present at the Sale, **NO STAND-IN ANIMAL WILL BE ALLOWED. (General rule #16, page 10)**

6. **SPECIAL NOTES:**

- A. There will be no additions to the winning bid after the auctioneer announces the animal sold during the sale. The foregoing sentence will be printed on the front page of the sale list under the heading "*How the Sale Works.*"
- B. The auction is the completion of the market animal project.
- C. **Exhibitor, your responsibility starts when your animal is weighed and is not over until your animal is loaded on a truck for shipment. Be alert and insure animals are in the proper place, fed and watered, always.**
- D. Bids from packer houses will be live weight (no shrink).
- E. Only one entry per exhibitor may sell at the auction.