

JIM HOGG COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION



RULES AND REGULATIONS 2017 – 2018

Sept. 2015

General Section

1. The Association Board and Livestock Superintendent will have the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters in regard hereto. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will be punished as the Association Board may order.
2. All protest must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 (cash) which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Livestock Superintendent. Any protest not officially filed within 1 hour of the alleged incident will not be considered. These cases are referred to the Protest Committee which will have full power to act and from whose decision there can be no appeal. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.
3. No one will be allowed to stay on the show grounds overnight except the carnival employees and the night watchman hired by the Association.
4. An official Livestock Show Photographer will be designated each year by the Association. All exhibitors that make the sale must take a photo to present to buyer. Exhibitor will not be allowed to sale without a photo being taken.
5. Judge for the livestock division will be selected by committee consisting of an Agriculture Science Teacher and County Extension Agent with approval of the Board.
6. Any balance owed to the Jim Hogg County Fair Association from an exhibitor and/or exhibitor's parent or legal guardian will be deducted from the exhibitors check.
7. The Jim Hogg County Fair Association never has ownership of any animal. Therefore, The Jim Hogg County Fair Association is not responsible for injuries or death of any animals.
8. All Livestock trailers must be removed **IMMEDIATELY** from show grounds after project has been unloaded at check in.
9. All entries must comply with the general Rules and Regulations as well as all division rules. Failure to comply with the above mentioned rules may result in disqualification of entry.

Eligibility Section

1. **Only bona fide FFA, Jr. FFA, and 4-H members of Jim Hogg County are eligible to show and sell in The Jim Hogg County Fair and must be enrolled in Elementary, Jr. High, or High School in Jim Hogg County or must reside in Jim Hogg County.** Eligibility is monitored by County Extension Agent, 4-H Manager, and Agriculture Science Teacher. A list of eligible students will be given to division superintendents.
2. All Livestock Exhibitors must be Bona Fide Jim Hogg County 4-H, FFA, or Jr. FFA members in good standings certified by the CEA or AST. Exhibitors must be a Bona Fide member on or before **October 16, 2017.**
3. **All Exhibitors that have validated a livestock project before the Bona Fide date and did not become a Bona Fide member on or before October 16, 2017 will forfeit entry and not be eligible to show in The Jim Hogg County Fair.**
4. All Exhibitors will be under the control of the Superintendents, but the Association will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to animals or persons.
5. All exhibitors must be neat, clean, appropriately dressed and well groomed.
6. Dress code will be enforced during the quality sift. No caps, shorts, sweat pants, pajamas, etc. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the exhibitor.
7. Exhibitors in the show must not use or have in their possession any tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol. If found in possession or under the influence, Exhibitor will forfeit all prizes, awards, and premiums.
8. All exhibitors must comply with Senate Bill 1 and follow the **No Pass, No Play** rule. If an exhibitor fails, his animal will not be eligible to show or be placed on the add-on list. Eligibility will be obtained from each campus principal.

Livestock General Section

- 1) All animal entries must comply with the Texas Animal Health Commission rules. All animals will be weighed using a certified scale.
- 2) Any animals not meeting Texas Animal Health Commission Rules will be disqualified and forfeit any awards as well as any and all moneys.
 - a. All Market animals will be subject to random drug test.
 - b. All sale animals will have validation ear tag number verified before entering sale.
- 3) All Livestock must be in possession of and under the complete care of the exhibitor and kept in Jim Hogg County during the entire feeding program except for major shows, prospect shows, breeding purposes, veterinary care or with the express written consent of the Livestock Superintendent.
- 4) All animals will be passed on by a sifting judge. Animals must be healthy, of show quality and condition. Animals showing signs of sickness may be sifted on the recommendation of the sift judge. All sifted animals must be removed from the show grounds immediately.
- 5) The decisions of the judges will be final. Unless Fraud is discovered, in which case the livestock committee or a quorum of the committee shall make a decision.
- 6) Validation of an animal shall constitute an entry.
- 7) Each exhibitor may validate as many market animals of different species as he/she wishes and he/she may show two, each of a different species. But he/she may only sell one.
 - a. An Animal may be validated in two or more exhibitor names as long as there is at least one animal for each exhibitor and the exhibitors are siblings or step siblings.
 - b. Only two market animals may be brought to the Fair grounds and through the sift by each exhibitor each a different species.
 - c. Each exhibitor may also exhibit two breeding animals as specified in the breeding cattle rules.
 - d. If exhibitor has multiple placing animals he/she must notify Livestock Superintendent immediately after his/her last project shows of which project he/she wishes to sell. If the Superintendent is not notified he will

select the species that shall sell. Once the sales order has been printed, it is final and no changes will be made unless mistakes are found.

- 8) All animals must be halter broken. Any wild or uncontrollable animal will not show or sell. Each exhibitor must lead his/her own animal through the sift. All animals must be dehorned and re-growth not to exceed 2 inches.
- 9) Only market animals will sell at the premium sale.
- 10) **After the release of Sale Order, all animals/lots MUST be sold unless express written consent is given by Livestock Superintendent.**
- 11) Grand and Reserve Champions must sell at the premium sale. If an exhibitor has two champions he/she will only be allowed to sell one.
- 12) All projects sifted, shown or sold at the auction must be exhibited by the owner in the show/sales ring, unless the exhibitor is competing in a bona fide UIL meet at the district or above levels. If this is the case, a Substitute will be allowed to show/sale the project for the exhibitor. As long as Substitute is a bona fide member of FFA, Jr. FFA, or 4-H and has a project in the show but not in the same class. This will not apply for invitational meets.
- 13) Substitute showman will not be allowed to or be eligible for showmanship.
- 14) Any/All Exhibitors may only show in one county show. If he/she participated at another county show he/she will not be eligible to show at the Jim Hogg County Fair, during the calendar year.
- 15) An animal must show up to the sift to be eligible to be placed on the add-on list. If an animal dies after check in the exhibitor will be placed on the add-on list.
- 16) Each exhibitor that participates in the sale is responsible for the care of their project until it reaches its final destination. Any livestock left abandoned will be reviewed by Livestock Committee. Any exhibitor found in such violation may be disqualified to show the following year.
- 17) An exhibitor may only place one animal on the add-on list.
- 18) Once an animal/project has been validated, it must be fed and cared for by exhibitor at all times. All projects must reside in Jim Hogg County at all times unless express written consent has been granted by Livestock Superintendent. Random checks on all livestock species will be conducted by AST, CEA, and Species Superintendents. Any livestock found to be out of the county without the express written consent and not in the care of a Veterinarian may be disqualified and not be allowed to show.
- 19) All projects sold and add-ons must be paid through the Jim Hogg County Fair Association. Any balance owed to the Jim Hogg County Fair Association from an exhibitor and/or exhibitor's parent or legal guardian will be deducted from the exhibitor's check.
- 20) The Agriculture Science Teacher and 4-H leaders will be required to provide parent with the copy of the rules. It is the responsibility of the parents and exhibitors to be

familiar with the rules. Parent and exhibitor will have to sign and date that they received a copy of the rules.

- 21) The Jim Hogg County Fair Association will not assist in the sale of raffle tickets, or any other means of chance, for any sifted animals.
- 22) All non-selling and donated animals must be off the show grounds by 8:30am on Sunday morning. All animals remaining after 8:30am will be considered abandoned and will be loaded into the floor trailer. Once on the trailer no livestock will be removed, no exceptions. **Under no circumstance can an exhibit be removed from the grounds prior to Sunday without the consent of the Livestock Superintendent.**
- 23) No parking permits will be issued; exhibitors will be issued a gate pass for the duration of the County Fair. They must park with the general public.
- 24) The Jim Hogg County Fair Association is responsible for awarding plaques, trophies, ribbons, and banners. Buckle awards will be done on a donation basis only. The Association is not responsible for awarding buckles.
- 25) It is required that all exhibitors provide a fair picture to the buyer. A photographer will be available and announced during the show. If the exhibitor fails to take a fair picture for his/her buyer he/she will not be allowed to sell at the auction.
- 26) Thank you notes from the exhibitors will be due two weeks after the exhibitors receive their list contributions. The thank you notes should be turned into the person in charge of their FFA, Jr. FFA, or 4-H Club. If for any reason the thank you notes are late, the exhibitors check will be held one day for every day the thank you notes are late. Along with a \$50.00 late fee. It is suggested that the thank you notes have a personal hand written note.
- 27) A 4% (four percent) commission will be charged for each lot.
- 28) The livestock committee has determined 88 lots will sell at the auction.
 - a) 24 – Steers
 - b) 24 – Hogs
 - c) 24 – Lambs
 - d) 16 – Goats

Note: If hogs, lambs, goats, or steers fall short of this number, the difference will be made up by the others.

- 29) Each exhibitor must sell 4 memberships at \$20.00 each, except 4-H in training will sell 3 memberships at \$20.00 each in order to be eligible to compete in the Jim Hogg County Fair. Memberships must be paid at the time of Validation or the animal will not be validated. **No Exceptions.** The validation dates are as follows: All validation will take place at the Jim Hogg County Fair Grounds on the date and hours that are stated. Absolutely, no late validations!
 - a) Cattle: September 09, 2017 8:00am – 9:00am

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| b) Sheep & Goats: | <u>October 07, 2017</u> | 8:00am – 9:00am |
| c) Swine (Hogs): | <u>December 02, 2017</u> | 8:00am – 9:00am |
| d) Jr. Goats: | <u>February 03, 2018</u> | 8:00am – 9:00am |
- 30) A three (3) pound tolerance will be allowed on all show animals up or down. Any animals failing to meet weight limits will be sifted. **There will be one re-weigh on animals failing to meet the qualifying weight.**

Market Steers

2016-2017

- 1) Steers must be on feed by September 09, 2017 the year prior to the show. Validation must be done on September 09, 2017 by the livestock superintendent or his representative. Validation will be held at the fairgrounds from 8am – 9am.
- 2) Minimum weight 1,000 lbs. with no maximum.
- 3) Steers will be shown by the following breed divisions and will be broken up by weight classes.
 - a) American crosses
 - b) AOB (All other breeds)

The classification will be determined by classifier/sifter.
- 4) Each breed division will be broken into weight classes determined by the number of entries in each division.
- 5) Each breed champion will compete for Grand Champion and the Reserve Breed Champion of the breed selected Grand Champion will compete for Reserve Grand Champion.
- 6) All Steers will be clipped to have no more than 1/4 inch hair on any part of the body, the only exception will be the tail switch. The sifter will check the length of the hair. All steers found to be in violation of the rules may be disqualified.
- 7) All State validated steers, a full picture must be on file with the tag number showing.
- 8) Any animals failing to meet weight requirements will be sifted.
- 9) Jim Hogg County Fair Officials have determined that the top twenty-four (24) Steers will be sold at the premium sale.

Breeding Cattle Rules

2017-2018

- 1) Classes will be broken down into male and female by breed and by age.
- 2) Age limit
 - a) Cattle may not be over 24 months of age on the day of the show.
 - b) Animals may only show one year at the Jim Hogg County Fair.
- 3) Breeding cattle must be dehorned.
- 4) Breeding cattle must be on feed by September 09, 2017. The year prior to the show. Validation will be at the Jim Hogg County Fair Grounds from 8am – 9am.
- 5) Grand Champion Bull and Heifer will receive a \$200.00 scholarship each and Reserve Champion Bull and Heifer will receive a \$100.00 scholarship each.
- 6) No Breeding animals will sell in the livestock sale but can receive add-ons. With the understanding that an exhibitor may receive add-ons for only one animal.
- 7) Each exhibitor may show a total of two (2) head, one (1) bull, one (1) heifer or two (2) of either heifer or bull.

Market Lamb Rules

2017 – 2018

- 1) All lambs must be on feed by October 07, 2017. Validation will take place at the Jim Hogg County Fair Grounds from 8am – 9am.
- 2) Weight limits
 - a) 90 lbs minimum and 160 lbs maximum
 - b) Any lambs failing to meet required weight limits will be sifted.
- 3) All lambs will be validated on validation week. A livestock committee person must be present.
- 4) Jim Hogg County Fair Officials have determined that the top twenty-four (24) Lambs will be sold at the premium sale.

Market Goat Rules

2017-2018

- 1) All goats must be on feed by October 07, 2017. Validation will take place at the Jim Hogg County Fair Grounds from 8am – 9am.
- 2) Weight limits
 - a) 70 lbs minimum and 130 lbs maximum.
 - b) Any Goat failing to meet weight limits will be sifted
- 3) Goats must be dehorned or re-growth not more than 2”
- 4) Jim Hogg County Fair Officials have determined that top sixteen (16) goats will be sold at the premium sale.

Market Hog Rules

2017-2018

- 1) All Hogs must be on feed by December 2, 2017. Validation will take place at the Jim Hogg County Fair Grounds from 8am – 9am.
- 2) Weight limits
 - a) 220 lbs minimum and 280 maximum.
 - b) Any Hog failing to meet weight limits will be sifted.
- 3) All Hogs will be ear tagged on validation day and ear notches will be documented. Livestock committee person must be present.
- 4) Jim Hogg County Fair Officials have determined that twenty-four (24) hogs will be sold at the premium sale.

Junior Goat Rules

2017-2018

- 1) This division will be to students in grades Kinder thru 2nd.
- 2) Each exhibitor will be required to sell 3 Memberships. The money raised will be used to pay premiums to the exhibitors on a prorated basis.
- 3) Weight limits
 - a) 20 lbs minimum
 - b) 60 lbs maximum
- 4) Validation will be on February 3, 2018.
- 5) Goats must be dehorned or horns tipped with the length of horns not to be more than 2 inches.