

# Travis County Youth Show Rule Book



## 2025

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## TRAVIS COUNTY YOUTH SHOW DEFINITIONS

As used in these rules, the following definitions shall apply.

1. **“Approved Adult 4-H Leader”** means an adult individual approved by the Travis County Extension Agents to coordinate Travis County 4-H Club projects under the direction of the County Extension Agent.
2. **“Auction Caps”** shall mean the maximum sums, as stated in Rule 27 of the Junior Livestock Show Rules that shall be allocable to Premiums for Exhibitors in the various Departments of the Junior Livestock Show. No Exhibitor shall be entitled to a Premium, including Junior Auction, in excess of the applicable amount stated, regardless of the amount bid for such animal at the Junior Auction.
3. The **“Board”** shall mean the Board of Directors of the Travis County Youth Show.
4. **“County Show”** means any livestock show staged in the state of Texas which has a sale except: San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Houston Livestock Show, Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Heart O’ Texas Fair, San Angelo Livestock Show, El Paso Livestock Show, Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, State Fair of Texas, Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo, and others the Board may deem appropriate.
5. **“Department”** means any of the following divisions of the Livestock Show:
  - Livestock Divisions**
  - Junior Market Steers
  - Junior Breeding Heifers – Open Show
  - Junior Market Lambs
  - Junior Market Meat Goats
  - Junior Market Swine
  - Junior Market Turkeys
  - Junior Market Fryers
  - Junior Market Meat Rabbits
6. **“Exhibitor”** shall mean an individual who meets the requirements of Rule #3 in the General rules and who enters an exhibit in the show.
7. **“Inspection Committee”** shall mean a committee appointed by the Board President whose purpose is to inspect any exhibitors’ project at any time during the feeding and caring period (see #9 of the Jr. Livestock Show Rules) for eligibility requirements (see rule #3 of the General Rules).
8. **“Junior Livestock Auction”** shall mean the auction sale staged as an event of the Junior Market Livestock Show for qualifying Exhibitors and their entries.
9. **“Junior Livestock Show” & “Youth Fair”** shall mean the contests in the Departments identified in these Rules open to Participants who satisfy the requirements to be an Exhibitor under these Rules.
10. **“Large Animal”** shall refer to the following species divisions: Steers, Swine, Lambs, Goats.
11. **“Market Animal”** shall mean an animal entered in a Department, the entries in which are eligible to be sold in the Junior Market Livestock Auction and broken between “large” and “small” animals.

12. **“Participant”** or one who “participates” shall mean an Exhibitor, a member of the Board, a Show Official, a Supervisor or any other individual who enters and or takes part in any of the events and activities of the Show.
13. **“Premium”** shall mean an award of any kind, including scholarships, cash, plaques, ribbons, trophies, and other such articles awarded to or received by Exhibitors as prizes for accomplishments in the Show.
14. **“Privilege”** shall mean the opportunity to participate in the Show and specifically includes the opportunity to exhibit, to compete for Premiums, to offer for sale any exhibit in any auction or other sale staged as part of the Show.
15. **“Protest Committee”** means a committee of Show Officials appointed by the Board to decide protests filed under these rules.
16. **“Scholarship”** means a sum to be paid by the Show’s scholarship fund for an Exhibitor’s post high school education or training. Post high school education may include cost and expenses of attending junior or senior colleges and universities, trade and vocational schools and participating in job training programs approved by the Show.
17. The **“Show”** shall mean the events and activities of the Travis County Youth Show.
18. **“Show Grounds”** shall mean the grounds of the Travis County Exposition Center, where the Travis County Youth Show is held annually.
19. **“Show Official”** means an adult individual who has been duly appointed by the Board to assist with the Show, including, but not limited to Board Members, Committee Chairman, Sub-Committee Chairman, Judges, Classifiers, Official Veterinarian and Department Superintendents.
20. **“Sponsoring School or Club”** means any public or private school or 4-H Club whose students or members become exhibitors in the Show under the supervision and sponsoring of such school or club.
21. **“Small Animal”** shall refer to the following species divisions: Rabbits and Poultry (Fryers & Turkeys).
22. **“Supervisor”** shall mean an adult individual who is either (a) a Travis County Extension Agent, “CEA”, who is supervising members of a 4-H Club whose members are Exhibitors in the Show or (b) a High School Agricultural Teacher of a Travis County High School, “AST”, who is supervising members of an FFA Chapter whose members are Exhibitors in the Show.
23. **“Youth Fair Auction”** shall mean the auction sale staged as an event of Youth Fair for qualifying exhibitors and their entries.
24. **“Housing Request Committee”** shall consist of the Department Superintendent from which the request arose, the Livestock Superintendent, an AST and a CEA. This committee shall review the request and present their recommendation to the TCYS Board for final approval.

# **Travis County Youth Show**

## **General Rules**



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## GENERAL RULES

1. **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.** The Travis County Youth Show are dedicated to the promotion of high standards of competition, sportsmanship, ethics, and fair play. Each exhibitor is expected to strictly follow these rules and to conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect respect upon the exhibitor, school, organization, and parents. Any exhibitor or family member who violates any of these rules, at the discretion of the Board, may be barred from any further participation in the Show and will be subject to such penalties as the Board shall deem appropriate. Each exhibitor and Show Official shall read these Rules and agree to abide by the terms and provisions hereof.
2. **INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES.** No Show Official can make changes to the Rules and Regulations printed or implied by this Official Travis County Youth Show Premium Book. The Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with the Show; and to amend or add to these Rules as it, in its sole judgment, may determine appropriate. Any exhibitor who violates any of these Rules and any exhibitor who aids in or participates in a violation of these Rules, will be subjected to such penalties as the Board may order including, but not limited to, the forfeiture of all privileges, awards and premium and any compensation received by the exhibitor as a result of or for the exhibit, and any charges deemed reasonable for expenses incurred by the Show resulting from such violations.
3. **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY.** Travis County Youth Show is an invitational Show and Auction; the TCYS executive committee reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any Exhibitor at any time in adherence with the code of conduct and these rules. Competition in the Travis County Youth Show and Auction is open to youth who meet each of the following:
  - a. They are at least 8 years of age and at least in the 3rd grade, they must not be over 18 years of age as of August 31, 2024. If a student is 19 years of age after August 31, 2024, but still enrolled in a Travis County Public, Private or Home School, approval must be requested from the Board of Directors for participation.
  - b. They have not entered a Market Animal during the present school year in another County show.
  - c. They must be either a legal resident of, or the primary school/coalition they are presently attending be a State accredited public, private school or home school in Travis County at the time of the show or have graduated from one of these schools at the end of the Fall semester of the school year in which the show is held. The Travis County Youth Show Board of Directors reserves the right to ask any exhibitor for proof of enrollment in a Travis County educational institution at any time during the feeding period.
  - d. They must be under the supervision of a supervisor and must be enrolled and in good standing\*\* in an FFA Chapter or 4-H Club in Travis County at the time of the show; provided, however, they must not have been previously ruled ineligible to participate in the show by the Board of Directors. They must show under the organization in which they enter unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Board of Directors.

\*\*Good Standing means that a youth participant must have met the attendance requirement of attending 50% of the organization's meetings between the months of August through December. Ag Science teachers and CEAs will certify eligibility of all of the chapter/club exhibitors by January 10, 2025.

4. **NO PASS, NO SHOW.** Exhibitors and contestants suspended under UIL/Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass, No Play", are ineligible to participate in any event associated with Travis County Youth Show. Any Animal or Youth Fair Item owned by an ineligible exhibitor is ineligible for competition. **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY MUST BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SHOW STARTING WITH THE FIRST EXHIBITOR/CONTESTANT CHECK –IN THROUGH THE AUCTION.**

5. **SIGNATURES:** All exhibitors must have the required signatures on each entry form received.
6. **EXHIBITION PRIVILEGE.** Each exhibitor and his or her parent or guardian acknowledges (1) that participation in the Show is a privilege which the Board may revoke at any time should such exhibitor violate any of the Show rules and (2) that the Board shall have the final and absolute authority to interpret and enforce these rules and to settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show, and to add to these rules as the Board shall deem necessary.
7. **LIABILITY.** Each exhibitor agrees to strictly abide by the rules and all directions and instructions issued by any Show Official. In consideration of the privileges afforded to his/her child or ward by the Show, each exhibitor's parent or guardian agrees to be solely responsible for any property damage or personal injury sustained by such exhibitor or any third person on account of or in any way arising out of such exhibitor's participation in the Show. Each such parent or guardian, in allowing his or her child or ward to participate in the Show, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Show, the Board, all Show Officials, the City of Austin, and Travis County against all claims, suits, demands, damages, and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way connected with such child's or ward's participation in the Show.
8. **FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS.** Non-United States Citizens and Foreign Exchange Students are eligible to compete in the Travis County Youth Show provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.
9. **TIME OF ENTRY.** Applicants for the entry of exhibits in the Livestock show and Youth Fair must be entered online and delivered to the TCYS Office or postmarked, with appropriate fees, by 5 pm November 1st, by the AST/CES offices only. No refunds of money will be made. After November 1st, late entries for livestock projects will be accepted up until the conclusion of that species check-in. **The late fee will be \$250.00 per project/animal, unless the validation date has not passed, then a \$50 late fee will be added to any entry submitted by AST/CES on the exact validation date.** Late entries will not be accepted for Youth Fair Projects. All entry paperwork must include a physical address. PO boxes **may not** be used as a physical address.
10. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIREMENT.** All Exhibitors and contestants must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate in the Travis County Youth Show. Social Security Numbers must be recorded on both paper and electronic entry forms, at the time of entry. Exhibitors who choose to not provide their personal Social Security Number will not be eligible to check-in and participate in the show. Entry fees will not be reimbursed.
11. **DECISION OF JUDGES FINAL.** Except in cases of a violation of these rules, as established by the sustaining of a protest filed and processed under Rule #12 below, the decision of the classifiers and/or judges as to the results of all competitive events will be final.
12. **PROTESTS.** Any participant who believes that any other participant has violated any rule of the Show may file a protest in writing, immediately upon the occasion for such protest with the Board President. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident will not be considered. The Show will not be stopped or delayed while protests are considered.
  - a. The protest must state all of the following:
    - i. The name of the person who is alleged to have violated a rule and the rule violated.
    - ii. The name of a person filing and putting up the protest fee.
    - iii. The species, tag number, lot number, and description of all exhibits in the alleged rule violation.

- iv. A concise statement of the protest and the reasons why the participant lodging the protest believes that a rule has been violated.
  - v. The names of all persons having knowledge of facts bearing on the truth of the protest. A protest must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200.00 (cash/money order) which is forfeited if the protest is overruled and returned if it is sustained. Each protest shall be determined by the Protest Committee, which shall be authorized to conduct such investigation and hear such evidence as it, in the sole discretion of its members, deems necessary.
- b. Each Participant agrees to fully cooperate with the Protest Committee in its investigation and to give such information, testimony, & furnish such written documents as shall be reasonably requested by the Committee. Any participant who refuses to cooperate with the Protest Committee in an investigation shall be automatically barred from any further participation in the Show.
  - c. The Protest Committee shall be entitled to adopt such rules or procedure for investigating any protest as a majority of its members deem necessary under the circumstances.
  - d. The protest shall be reviewed by the Protest Committee, which shall report its decision to the Board President. The Board President will report the findings of the Protest Committee to the Board of the Travis County Youth Show. The Board shall be empowered to impose such sanctions against any participant found by them to have violated one or more rules as the Board shall deem appropriate under the circumstances and as authorized by these rules. The Board shall have full power to act and its decision will be final.
13. **INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES AND OFFICIALS.** Any exhibitor or individual who either directly or indirectly, in person or through his parent or guardian, agent or servant, interferes with, coerces, or shows disrespect for (or attempts to do any such acts) shall be guilty of a violation of these rules and shall be subject to these sanctions provided in Rule #2 of the General Rules for such violation.
14. **PETS.** No pets are allowed on Show Grounds.
15. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** - WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN
16. **SPECIAL RULES.** Special rules/conditions are published for each department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rule of any department and the General Rules and Regulations, the special rules will govern.
17. **AUCTIONS.** Each exhibitor is required to comply with the regulations set forth by the TCYS Board in order to advance to the sale. No Youth Fair or Livestock project will be sold if not certified by the TCYS Board. Country Store items are not to be sold with the auction bid sheets on auction day. Any exhibitor found to have violated this rule will not receive proceeds from non-certified items.
18. **BUYER RESPONSIBILITY:** If the buyer does not pay his/her bill, the person filling out the buyer registration form will then become responsible for the entire bill. If a bill is outstanding as of April 1st, the exhibitor will not receive any unpaid portion of the total purchase price from their auction sale lot. If received, a second check will be issued within the calendar year. Buyers will have approximately 30 days from the day of auction to dispute their invoice. After 30 days from Auction, all sales will be final.
19. **PARENTS WHO ARE BUYERS:** Exhibitors with a parent who is a buyer/main contact of a buyers group who still has an outstanding balance on Sept 1st following the auction will not be allowed to participate. Their entries will not be accepted, & their auction checks can be held as payment for their parents' outstanding dept.



20. **THANK YOU LETTERS.** All exhibitors who sell their project in the Youth Auction will be required to write letters of appreciation to the purchaser of the project to the Supervising Agricultural Science Teacher or County Agent. The County Agent and/or Ag Science teachers should consolidate these stamped, sealed and addressed appreciation letters to the TCYS office no later than April 1st of the show year. Any exhibitor, who has not submitted proof of their Thank-You Letter(s) by this date, may forfeit his/her proceeds. The proceeds will be sent back to the buyer.
21. **DISBURSEMENT OF AUCTION PROCEEDS & CHECKS.** Every effort will be made to pay the Auction proceeds as soon as possible; however, payment cannot be guaranteed until each buyer remits payment to the Livestock Show. If a bill is outstanding as of April 1st, the exhibitor will not receive any unpaid portion of the total purchase price from their auction sale lot. If received, a second check will be issued within the calendar year. Checks that are lost, stolen or otherwise destroyed will be reissued at a fee of \$50 to the exhibitor. No checks will be reissued after 90 days from when the first auction check was printed.
22. **BUYER APPRECIATION GIFTS.** Buyer appreciation gifts/gift baskets area allowed, but must not include any alcohol.
23. **VOLUNTEERS.** Any volunteer or paid employee of the Travis County Youth Show shall not be permitted in the show ring if they are related by marriage, blood, adoption, foster child, or god child to a youth while that youth is competing in the show ring with their animal project, or related by marriage, blood, adoption, foster child, or god child to the breeder of the animal to be shown. Violations of this rule shall result in the youth forfeiting any and all awards in which they may have been entitled. To include placing for auction, proceeds from the auction sale, and ribbon(s) from the placing of that animal.
24. **EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTION.** Entries in the Junior Show (Livestock Show, Youth Fair, and Premium Auction) must be shown by their owner. Exhibitor substitutions must follow the guidelines stated below:
- a. **AN EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTION FORM MUST BE REQUESTED, COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AT LEAST 1 HOUR PRIOR TO THE START OF THAT SPECIES SHOW AND/OR AUCTION. THE COMPLETED SUBSTITUTION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT, LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENT, OR YOUTH FAIR SUPERINTENDENT. LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS MAY SHOW THEIR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES ALONG WITH 1 SUBSTITUTE ENTRY.**
  - b. Exhibitor substitutions may be allowed under the following conditions. In all cases, the Department Superintendent must approve the exhibitor substitution and will do so only if all conditions are met:
    - i. **UIL or Standardized Testing:** This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA, parent/guardian or leader upon arrival at the Show. This request must be made on the Official Travis County Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. This request must be accompanied by a letter signed by a School Administrator, on school letterhead stating the specific reason a substitute is requested. The completed Official Travis County Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form and the notarized statement must be returned to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective show.
    - ii. **Sickness:** This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA, parent/guardian, or leader upon arrival at the Show. This request must be made on the Official Travis County Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. This request must be accompanied by a statement, signed by a Physician, on his/her letterhead. The completed Official Travis County Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form and the Physicians statement must be returned to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective Show.
    - iii. **More Than One Entry In A Class or the Exhibitor Has Entries In More Than One Department Showing At The Same Time:** This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA,

parent/guardian, or leader upon arrival at the Show or as soon as the problem arises, but in any case no later than the start of the respective Show.

- iv. **Religious Observation:** This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA, parent/guardian, or leader upon arrival at the Show. This request must be made on the Official Travis County Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form provided by the Department Superintendent. This request must be accompanied by a statement, signed by a religious organization leader, on his/her letterhead. The completed Official Travis County Livestock Show Exhibitor Substitution Form and the Religious Leader's statement must be returned to the Department Superintendent prior to the start of the respective Show.
- c. In any of the four (4) situations listed above, or in the case of an emergency, the Department Superintendent may use their own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a positive decision is rendered, the substitute must be an exhibitor of that species, from the same school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club as the original exhibitor with the following two (2) exceptions:
  - i. Original exhibitor is the only exhibitor from that school, Chapter/Club entered in that Department.
  - ii. All other members from that school, FFA Chapter, or 4-H Club are exhibiting at the same time.
- d. In either case, any Exhibitor (meeting all requirements of the Travis County Livestock Show exhibitor in the Department entered) meeting the approval of the Department Superintendent may exhibit the animal.

25. **SALE DECLARATIONS OF MARKET ANIMALS.** The Travis County Livestock Show is not a terminal Show. The Auction is a Ribbon Sale. The Exhibitor retains ownership of their animal after the Show. Each Exhibitor whose animal is otherwise qualified is entitled to sell 2 animals from different divisions to include Steers, Swine, Goats, Lambs, Rabbits, Turkeys or Fryers. If an exhibitor places 2 projects in the same division/species, the higher placing project will be selected for auction. If the exhibitor places one or more projects that qualify for auction, up to 2 projects will automatically be placed in the auction list. If the exhibitor places 3 or more projects that qualify for auction before bump ups, unless declared otherwise in writing by the declaration deadline, the auction selection sequence will be: **Steers, Goats, Swine, Lambs, Turkeys, Fryers, and then Rabbits.** Only projects that make the original declaration will make the sale, bump ups do not change the species declaration for exhibitors who have 2 divisions in the sale. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to check/verify the Preliminary Sale List and the Final Sale Order.

26. **LIVESTOCK AUCTION GENERAL RULES.** Livestock Auction participants must comply with the rules below:

- a. All species Grand and Reserve Grand Champions are required to sell. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifers only sell if they are entered/exhibited by an eligible Travis County junior exhibitor.
- b. Each animal sold must be handled by the exhibitor, who entered the animal, except in the case of serious illness or death in the exhibitor's immediate family.
- c. The Exhibitor Substitution rule applies to the auction. In such cases the Board President may authorize substitution by an eligible Travis County exhibitor of the same sex and age as owner/exhibitor.
- d. In the event an exhibitor has more than two projects eligible to sell without bump ups, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the Show Office which 2 projects will be sold between 8AM-12PM to tcys@live.com.
- e. In the event an exhibitor pulls out of Auction, the next highest placing animal moves into that slot.
- f. A commission fee of 10% of the Auction total will be charged to the seller on the animals sold. 1% of the overall auction total will be distributed to the TCYS Scholarship Fund.

- g. Only animals which qualify for the sale will be sold at the Auction and sold to the highest bidder.
  - h. **SALE LOT SELECTION:** Approximately 200 total lots will be selected for livestock auction. The livestock auction lots will be distributed evenly within large and small species/breeds as a percentage of the number of projects that arrived and qualified for competition in that classification. With small species receiving 50 slots, and large animals receiving 150. The auction placing depth will be set by species/breed not by individual class. A random draw may be used to select a limited number of auction lots from equally placing projects as required to achieve the target number/percent of auction lots for the species/breed. (Example: 500 Total Large Animal projects arrive at the show. 180 Projects are goats. 180 Goats/500 Total Projects = 36%. Goats will receive 36% of the 150 large animal sale lots divided across all classes.)
  - i. Each exhibitor who is offered the privilege of selling in the Auction represents that they have complied with all of the rules of the Show concerning all exhibits that they entered, and that they have not knowingly aided or assisted any other exhibitor in feeding, fitting, or exhibiting any exhibit in violation of these rules.
  - j. If any exhibitor is found to have violated any of these rules, as a result of a protest being upheld by the Protest Committee after such exhibitor has sold one or more exhibits in the Show Auction, then such exhibitor agrees that he or she shall forfeit all proceeds from the sale of his/her projects. This rule shall apply to all exhibits sold by such exhibitor in the Auction and is not limited solely to the exhibit directly involved in the rule violation. The price bid for shall then be refunded to the bidder.
27. **LIVESTOCK AUCTION CAPS.** In the Live Auction, the Grand Champion must sell for more than the Reserve Grand Champion of its species. The Reserve Grand Champion must then sell for more than all lower placing animals of its species. Add-ons do not count towards the auction cap and are subject to TCYS commissions.
28. **LIVESTOCK SALE ORDER.** Animals qualifying for sale in the TCYS Auction will be sold by species in the following rotation (which changes each year, the last species sold the preceding year will be move to first the following year.)  
**The 2025 TCYS Livestock Auction Sale order is Rabbits, Swine, Cattle, Lambs, Poultry and then Goats.**
- a. Animals from each species qualifying for the sale will be sold starting with Grand Champion through lower placing animals. All qualifying animals from a species will be sold before moving to the next species.
  - b. The sale order will not be modified/changed for individual exhibitor schedule conflicts.
29. **YOUTH FAIR AUCTION GENERAL RULES.** Exhibitors may sell only TWO Class Champion projects in the Youth Auction, with proceeds going to the exhibitor. Youth Fair Auction Guideline:
- a. A commission fee of 10% of the Auction total will be charged on the items sold. 1% of the overall auction total proceeds will be distributed to the TCYS Scholarship Fund.
  - b. If an exhibitor has two or more class champions, they must declare which of the two projects they want to sell at the youth auction by 9PM on the Friday of judging to [tcys@live.com](mailto:tcys@live.com). At this time, the Reserve Class Champion of the class they opted out of will receive that auction slot. In the event notification is not made, the TCYS reserves the right to designate which projects sell. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to check and verify the Preliminary Sale List and the Final Sale Order.
  - c. Any item displayed on the stage during the auction becomes the buyer's property.
  - d. Preliminary Sale List and/or Final Sale Order are subject to change due to technical error.

- e. The exhibitor or designated representative must be present at the Auction to sell his/her Class Champion item at their designated Sale Order Position. If the exhibitor or approved substitute is not present at the auction, the item becomes the property of TCYS. Proceeds will be donated to the Scholarship Fund.
  - f. No minimum bids are placed on projects.
  - g. Little Wrangler exhibitors shall receive a ribbon and may not move on to the Auction.
  - h. Junior and Senior exhibitors shall receive a ribbon for each project. Class Champions in these two age brackets are eligible for Auction. Each exhibitor may only auction two Class Champion projects.
30. **YOUTH FAIR SALE DECLARATIONS.** By entering this contest, you are agreeing to sell your item in the Youth Auction if it is awarded class champion. Exhibitors who do not bring their class champion item(s) to the youth auction will receive a one-year suspension of eligibility.
31. **CONTEST AND REGISTRATION.** Exhibitors must meet all Exhibitor and Eligibility Rules of the Youth Show.
- a) Applicants for the entry of any TCYS Contest must be entered online and delivered to the TCYS Office or postmarked, with appropriate fees, by 5 pm December 1st, by the AST/CES offices only. No refunds of will be made. After December 1st, late entries for contest will be accepted with a late fee of \$50.00/entry.
  - b) Specific Contest Rules and Entry Forms will be posted and available online.
  - c) Awards will be presented at the close of the contest. Participants will not be invited to Auction.
32. **QUALITY COUNTS.** All Travis County Youth Show exhibitors (Youth Fair and Livestock) must complete Quality Counts testing prior to December 1st. AST and CEAs will certify completion of Quality Counts testing for each exhibitor along with attendance and grade eligibility prior to the start of the show. Please contact the Travis County Extension office or your Agricultural Science Teacher for testing information.
33. **EXCESSIVE COACHING.** A contestant may be disqualified from a class at the species superintendent's discretion for receiving excessive verbal coaching, hand gestures, whistles, and/or instructions from outside of the judging area. One verbal warning will be issued to the coach by the species superintendent. On the second offense the coach will be dismissed from the show ring area by the TCYS security staff.

# **Travis County Youth Show**

## **Junior Livestock Rules**



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## JUNIOR LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES

1. **ENTRY.** Travis County Youth Show makes available to CEAs/ASTs in charge of 4-H Clubs or FFA programs the opportunity to enter members in their programs in the Junior Livestock Show, subject to these Special Rules.
  - a. These rules are only minimum requirements for participation in the Show and are not intended to limit the right of any CEA or AST, or the Texas Agrilife Extension, or the Texas Education Agency, to impose additional requirements as they deem necessary. The opportunity to enter 4-H Club and FFA members' projects in the Junior Livestock Show is made available only to CEA's and AST's supervising 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 member.
  - b. Processing and/or deposit of funds does not constitute acceptance of entries from a club or chapter and/or individual. Eligibility of individual members of a club or chapter are subject to verification and approval.
  - c. Entries in the Junior Livestock Show must be made by the CEA or AST under whose supervision the animals were fed and will be returned if sent in by others. The CEA or AST must certify on the entry form that the animal and the owner(s) are eligible under the rules of this Show. It is the responsibility of the CEA/AST to read all rules and check each entry form carefully before signing it.
  - d. Entries not correctly submitted, will be returned. The Board reserves the right to reject any application, which is not submitted in accordance with these rules and the instructions, contained on the application.

2. **ENTRY FEES.** The following fees will be charged for all livestock entries. No refunds of money will be made.

### Livestock Department

Market Steers	\$20.00/Head
Market Lambs	\$20.00/Head
Market Swine	\$20.00/Head
Market Meat Goats	\$20.00/Head
Market Meat Rabbits	\$20.00/Pen
Market Fryers	\$20.00/Pen
Market Turkeys	\$20.00/Head
Breeding Heifer – Open Show	\$20.00/Head

3. **ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS.** Each animal entered in the Show must satisfy the following requirements:
  - a. Except as provided in Rule #3B below, each animal must be owned solely by the exhibitor whose name it is entered before and at all times from the date of the applicable feeding period listed in the rules. Each exhibitor must have valid written evidence of his or her ownership as of the beginning of the feeding period, which shall include a bill of sale, registration certificate, or other comparable title document. Each animal must be marked by tattoo, ear tag, ear notch, or as otherwise required in the instructions concerning entry of exhibits which accompany application forms approved by the Board and the State 4-H and/or FFA organizations.
  - b. Subject to the validation requirements of Rule #11 below, an animal may be jointly owned and fitted by exhibitors who are immediate family members.
  - c. At any time during the feeding period, each exhibitor agrees to provide for Inspection Committee his or her exhibits and documentation evidencing his or her ownership. Presentation of such documents may be required by the Show Officials who receive the animal at the time of its arrival at the Show.

- d. Exhibitors must submit and deliver by the dates below a written request on a Housing Request Form established by the Show and have written approval from the Travis County Youth Show Board to house their animal at any location other than their own property or school farm within Travis County. Steer (or Species) Exhibitors who need to house outside of the county must submit the Out Of County Housing Request at the time of the species tag orders are due and must be approved by the Species Superintendent, Livestock Superintendent, and General Superintendent with the supervising Ag Teacher/Agent.
  - e. Written requests to house animals at any location other than exhibitors' own residence or school farm should be submitted to: Travis County Youth Show | 1710 Sullivan Street | Pflugerville, Texas 78660
  - f. Housing request forms are due on the first day of the Ownership and Feeding period listed in Rule 9. (Housing request submitted after this deadline must be approved by the TCYS Board of Directors):
  - g. Housing request forms may be approved or denied for any reason at the discretion of the show.
  - h. Each animal must be fed and fitted at the location on their validation paperwork and housing forms. Any animal that is found to have been fed and/or fitted away from that address will be disqualified.
  - i. No market animal that has been exhibited in another county show is eligible.
  - j. Travis County validation will be managed, organized, and staffed by the State Validation Chairman during the state validation timeline, which will begin the care and feeding period. Validation shall be accomplished, according to Texas Market Animal Validation Programs approved by the Board and the State 4-H and/or FFA organization. The Travis County Youth Show will utilize state validation tags.
  - k. Any exhibitor whose animal's validation is inadvertently or accidentally damaged or lost must report such events to his/her County Agent or Ag Science Teacher within 48 hours of the discovery of the event. The Validation Chairman shall recommend to the Board President whether to revalidate the animal if necessary, or to disqualify from the Show.
  - l. Each animal will be checked upon arrival at the Show for evidence of validation. Any animal which, in the opinion of the Board President, and the County Validation Chairman, shows evidence that its validation has been altered or tampered with shall be disqualified.
  - m. No animal validated or carried as a project in a 4-H or FFA program other than a participating school or club is eligible.
4. **INELIGIBLE ANIMALS.** Any animal owned by an ineligible exhibitor for competition. Any animal found to be ineligible for judging must be removed from the Show Grounds within two (2) hours of such notification.
  5. **DISMISSAL & DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS.** All animals will be released back to the exhibitors & must be removed from the Show Grounds during designated release times on the most current schedule. Rabbits and Poultry will be released immediately after their show finishes. Any animal not removed from the Show Grounds by the designated release time will become property of TCYS. Any exhibitor that violates this rule will not be eligible to sell at auction.
  6. **ETHICS.** The showing of unethically fitted livestock, or of any animal not of an age eligible for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited. Unethically fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body or using controlled substances, drugs – including but not limited to over the counter and/or extra-label, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup and/or performance of the animal, with the exception of magnetic pulse energy therapy. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve confirmation.
- b. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs and depressants or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
- c. Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
- d. Striking the animal to cause swelling.
- e. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide, or hair except the removal of warts, horns, and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
- f. Insertion of foreign material under the skin.
- g. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area of the animal's body. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the Show.
- h. The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
- i. The use of diuretics.
- j. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method per se (by esophagus), is prohibited.
- k. Administration of a drug internally or externally. Animals will be tested for performance enhancing compounds. This includes, but is not limited to steroids, diuretics, and anti-inflammatories. Any medications and supplements administered that do not meet the withdraw period prior to check-in, must be submitted to the species superintendent through a waiver and accompany a letter of necessity from a show approved vet. Waivers must be submitted by the Monday before check-in.
- l. All medication administered during the Travis County Livestock Show must be administered by the Official Travis County Livestock Show Veterinarian and a written medication record must be filed. Animals receiving any performance enhancing drugs (i.e. including, but not limited to, steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatory, tranquilizers and painkillers) in this manner are ineligible from competition.
- m. The Official Show Veterinary, in agreement with the Board President, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Show Veterinary it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Show Veterinary administers treatment to an animal and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal time, the animal will be determined ineligible for competition.
- n. No syringes, needles, implants, stomach pumps, are allowed on the Show premises.
- o. Unethical administration of controlled substances to any animal during the feeding period is prohibited.
- p. The term "DRUG" shall mean any substance for which the sale, possession or use is controlled by license under federal, state, or local laws or regulation and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affects the circulatory, respiratory or central nervous system of any species of livestock. If drugs are used by an Official Travis County Livestock Show Veterinarian to treat a recognized disease in market animals, the withdrawal times listed by the drug manufacturer must be strictly followed.



- q. The exhibitor specifically represents that no animal entered by him/her is unethically fitted, and all information is correctly stated. All entries will be required to have signatures on each entry form stating that the animal was not unethically fitted. These forms must be signed by the following:
    - i. Junior Exhibitor
    - ii. Parent or Guardian
    - iii. County Extension Agent and/or Agricultural Science Teachers
  - r. Any animal which in the opinion of the Judge, Show Official, Board President, or Official Show Veterinarian, shows signs of having been operated upon or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with the intent to conceal the animals lack of soundness will be disqualified. The exhibitor agrees to submit any animal entered by him/her to inspection by any veterinarian appointed by the Board President and agrees to have such animal submitted to such tests as may be requested. Travis County Livestock Show reserves the right to have DNA, blood, and/or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian and analysis shall be final and conclusive without any recourse against Travis County Youth Show or any officer, director, employee thereof or veterinarian as appointed by the Board. The exhibitor waives the right of action which he/she might have for any action taken under this rule, and releases Travis County Youth Show and the Veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such animal or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion of the veterinarian.
  - s. In the event any animal is declared by the veterinarian or testing agency to be unethically fitted, the Board is authorized to permanently bar the exhibitor and his/her family from any further participation in the Travis County Youth Show. If any prizes have been awarded to animals shown in violation of these rules, the management will immediately request the return of all prizes.
  - t. Any exhibitor who has violated any portion of this Rule with his/her animal or another exhibitor's animal will have all of his/her projects in the Travis County Youth Show disqualified and the Board is authorized to permanently bar the exhibitor and his/her family from any further participation in the Show, and said exhibitor shall be subject to any other penalties assessed by the Board.
7. **MEDICATION.** Administration of any medication to market animals that is not approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal Law. Read all label directions and observe all required withdrawal periods. For purposes of figuring withdrawal times the Travis County Youth Show Date should be used as the harvest dates.
8. **COMPLIANCE.** Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible to determine that his or her animal complies with all Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations concerning the administration of drugs, chemicals, and feed additives to food producing animals including, but not necessarily limited to, the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1906 and all amendments thereto. Each exhibitor is deemed to represent & warrant to the Travis County Youth Show that his/her animal complies with all such laws, rules, and regulations at the time such animal is exhibited. Each exhibitor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Travis County Youth Show and all Show Officials from all fines, losses, claims, penalties, suits, and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way related to a violation by such exhibitor of the representation and warranty stated above.
9. **OWNERSHIP/FEEDING PERIODS.** Each exhibitor must singularly own his or her exhibit at the beginning of the feeding period. Such exhibitor must feed, care for, and exhibit without aid or assistance from anyone other than a Supervisor, his or her immediate family member, or approved Adult Travis County 4-H Leader; provided however, that after the exhibit arrives at the Show Grounds, no one other than the exhibitor or his or her immediate family member, Ag Teacher, County Agent, or other junior exhibitor from Travis County may aid or assist in the feeding, caring for, and exhibiting of the exhibit unless expressly authorized by these rules. This rule shall not prohibit the assistance of a licensed veterinarian to provide advice and treatment for the health of the exhibit prior to arrival at

the Show Grounds. [The ownership/feeding period will begin on the date that the animal is validated, per the state validation guidelines and rules.](#)

10. **ERRONEOUS ENTRY.** Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to the proper class prior to judging upon application to the Livestock Show Board who will determine the matter upon its merits. If such classes have been judged; however, they will not be reported.
11. **VALIDATION.** Each animal must be validated by the Travis County Validation Committee on or before the beginning of the feeding period. Validation shall be accomplished according to Texas Market Animal Validation Programs approved by the Board and the State 4-H and/or FFA organization. All validation paperwork must include a physical address. PO boxes **may not** be used as a physical address. Exhibitors who are immediate family members may validate and fit the same animal. No jointly validated animal may be entered or shown by more than one exhibitor. Contact your supervisor for location and date of validation for each species (Note: Validation must take place on or before the deadline for the beginning of the feeding and fitting period). Validation tags may be replaced upon animal death after the Travis County Validation, but before the state deadline if tags are available by contacting the Travis County Youth Show office. Animal death must be verified by a minimum of 2 of the following individuals: Supervising Ag Science Teacher/CEA, Livestock Superintendent, and/or Species Superintendent.
12. **ARRIVAL OF ANIMALS.** All animals for exhibition in all divisions must be on the show grounds and checked in by the respective Superintendent of the Department not later than the deadline listed in the official Schedule of Events. Animals that arrive after the designated deadline will not be accepted for competition in the Show. Any exception to this rule will be at the discretion of the Board President after consulting with the supervising Agricultural Science Teacher or County Agent where reasonably possible.
13. **WEIGH-IN.** Steers, lambs, swine, goats and rabbits will be weighed under the supervision of the Superintendent. This will be the official weight. Re-weighs are NOT permitted. The show officials reserve the right to weigh-back at any time. All steers, lambs, swine, goats, and rabbits will be weighed at the time scheduled for that species upon arrival at the Show. Each animal must conform to the weight requirement stated in the Department Special Rules. All animals' validation will be verified at the time they are weighed. Each exhibitor must immediately report to his Supervisor any accidental loss or damage to the validation of his or her animal. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of the animal. The Official Show scales can only be used by the Department Superintendents or their designee. No one may use the scales to check the accuracy of their own scales.
14. **OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBIT.** The Board reserves the right to remove from the Show Grounds any exhibit, animal or equipment that may be falsely entered, or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable. No animal having a disease or showing symptoms of a disease of any nature will be allowed to participate in the show. Officials have the rights to remove showing privileges at any time. At weigh in if an animal show any signs of a disease they will not be allowed to weigh. They will be placed in a quarantined area. The department Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, Livestock Supt., and show veterinarian will evaluate the animal and determine whether or not showing privileges will be granted. This will include, but not limited to Ringworms, stress and other communicable diseases.
15. **BEDDING/SHAVINGS:** No outside shavings can be brought for use. Shavings are available for purchase at the show with all proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Exhibitors must remove all shavings at the end of the show.
16. **CARE OF PENS AND STALLS.** Each Exhibitor is required to clean his or her animal's stall, pen, & aisle before 8:00 am of each day of the Show and to keep them in a neat and attractive condition throughout the Show.
17. **CARE OF ANIMALS.** Each Exhibitor is solely responsible for the care, security, and preservation of his or her exhibit. Neither the Travis County Youth Show Board nor any Show Official shall be responsible for any loss, shrinkage or damage to the exhibitor's livestock, exhibitor's property or the owners or exhibitors thereof. Each exhibitor whose animal has been entered in the Show is required to feed and care for the animal, stall, or pen until the time of release and to be present to assist in loading the animal at the time of release. All electrical appliances used by the exhibitor will be subject to approval by an electrical inspector or Show Officials who may make periodic inspections

throughout the Show. Hand held battery operated clippers for touch up purposes may be used. If an exhibitor fails to care for his or her animal in accordance with this Rule, the exhibitor shall be subject to such penalties and charges assessed by the Board, in its sole discretion, which penalties and charges shall be deducted from any payments, premium, or compensation payable to the exhibitor.

18. **DRUG TESTING.** The Travis County Youth Show reserves the right to drug test any animal that is entered into the show, at any time during the duration of the show.
19. **ANIMALS DISQUALIFIED.** Should an animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prizes shall not graduate up onto the higher position.
20. **AWARDS.** In each class, animals will be ranked (1st, 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.) according to their placing.
21. **STALL ASSIGNMENT.** All Market Animals must remain in assigned areas at the Show Grounds unless authorized by the Department Superintendent. All livestock exhibitors must comply with the following stalling rules:
  - a. Market animals are NOT allowed in the Horse Stalls unless directed there by Show Officials.
  - b. Market animals must NOT leave the Show Barn at any time.
  - c. Exercising must be done in the Show Barn.
  - d. Due to limited pen space at the Show, the Show management reserves the right to place more than one animal in each pen. Each department will be arranged so that each specific chapter/clubs will be penned or stalled together wherever possible (except poultry and rabbits).
  - e. Tack stalls will be assigned only if space permits.
  - f. Any exhibitor who violates this Rule or who participated, directly or indirectly, in a violation of this Rule, will have all of his/her entries disqualified including projects qualifying for the Premium Sale. The exhibitor can also be placed on probation for the following years Show.
22. **EQUIPMENT.** Blocking of aisles with any kind of equipment (show boxes, feed pans, etc.) is prohibited.
23. **SIFTED ANIMALS.** Exhibitors may not under any circumstances replace a sifted animal (weight, disease, etc) with another animal project from their home, trailer, etc.
24. **LOST OR BROKEN TAGS.** Livestock projects that have lost or broken their tags are allowed on the show grounds during load-in as long as prior arrangements have been made with the validation chairman to retag the animal at the show. Animals needing to be retagged will be placed in a holding pen prior to weighing in.
25. **BARN HOURS.** Barn hours will be from 6:00 AM until midnight.
26. **GRAND CHAMPION DRIVE:** All exhibitors participating in the Grand Champion Drive, must be shown in accordance with our "Exhibitor Eligibility" rule 3, located in our general rules and the "Exhibitor Substitution" rule 24, located in our livestock rules.

**LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: MARKET STEERS**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1st**

1. Each exhibitor may enter no more than three (3) Market Steers.
2. Under the direction of the Steer Superintendent, steers will be classified and weighted directly off the trailer. Steers will be divided as equally as possible into weight classes for the respective breed classifications (American, British, and Exotic) with a minimum of 6 animals within a breed classification to make more than one class. Class size & number will be determined by the number of entries within each classification. Classification decisions of the classifier and weight breaks by the Superintendent will be final.
3. Steers will be classified by the official classifier using the breed classification standards found in the current HLSR Premium book. A link will be placed here once online – <http://www.hlsr.com>
4. Minimum weight for steers is 850 pounds with a tolerance of 10 lbs.
5. No change of the major color pattern or dyeing will be allowed, with the exception of dressing on hooves and scurs. Any grooming material that allows color to come off any steer will not be allowed at the Show.
6. At weigh-in, no other equipment except a rope halter and/or nose ring can be attached to the animal.
7. All steers will be clipped to have no more than one-quarter inch of hair on any part of the animal's body. The only exception will be the switch of the tail. The switch may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Steers will be checked at the time of weigh-in for conformity of one-quarter inch or less of hair.
8. Steers not meeting the approval of the Hair Classifier at the time of weigh-in will be given an opportunity to be re-checked at a designated time, determined by the Hair Classifier. Steers found to still be in violation will be disqualified from the Show.
9. No steer will be allowed to weigh-in or compete which has any oils, glues or other foreign material present.
10. All market steers must follow the Eligibility of Animals Rule #3 and Livestock Validation Rule #11. Steers must have the state validation tag and tattoo in the ear at the time of arrival on the grounds.
11. The Board President or Market Steer Superintendent may disqualify an unruly steer from the Show Ring and may prohibit an unruly steer from entering the Sale Ring on Auction Day.
12. Administration of medications to all market animals must follow Junior Livestock Rule #7.
13. The entire area behind the cattle arena (from entry to exit) is restricted to exhibitors only. Each exhibitor may have one parent, or one AST/CES advisor assist them in the staging area/drug testing, if necessary.

**AWARDS:**

Grand Champion	Buckle and Banner
Reserve Grand Champion	Buckle and Banner
Breed Champions	Rosette
Reserve Breed Champions	Rosette

**CLASS:**

1. American Classes
2. British Classes
3. Exotic Classes
4. Grand Champion Steer
5. Reserve Champion Steer

**LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: JR. BREEDING HEIFERS – OPEN SHOW**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1st**

1. Exhibitors may enter an unlimited number of heifers, subject to space limitations.
2. All entries are subject to the General Rules and these additional rules. Heifer entries will not be eligible for the premium sale.
3. Exhibitors must be a legal resident of Travis, Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays or Williamson counties and active, eligible youth members of either a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
4. Heifers participating in the open show, must follow state validated rules per the General Livestock Rules.
5. Original registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name by November 1 and a copy of registration papers must be included with paper entry form. Original registration papers will be checked at the show.
6. TCCA recognized breeds are eligible to show. The original registration papers must indicate the animal meets breed requirements. No entries registered under ranch names or in partnerships will be accepted.
7. Heifer entries will show in three divisions (provided there are a minimum of 5 head per division): American, British and Exotic. If the minimum number of entries are not entered, all heifers will show in one division. No heifer more than 36 months of age at the month of show will be allowed to show. Heifer classes will be broken at the discretion of the Heifer Superintendent.
8. All heifers must be in place by the deadline set forth in the latest official "Schedule of Events".
9. All exhibits are subject to Texas Animal Health Commission rules.
10. No additional or artificial hair, twine or other foreign material may be used in grooming of breeding heifers. Show will be a blow-and-go event.
11. All heifers must follow the Eligibility of Animals Rule #3 and Livestock Validation Rule #11. Heifers must have the state validation tag & tattoo that matches their association papers, in the ear at the time of arrival on the grounds.
12. Heifer Showmanship contest will follow the same Showmanship rules as all other species.
13. The entire area behind the cattle arena (from entry to exit) is restricted to exhibitors only. Each exhibitor may have one parent or one AST/CES advisor assist them in the staging area/drug testing, if necessary.

**AWARDS:**

Grand Champion Heifer	Buckle and Banner and \$500 Premium
Reserve Grand Champion	Buckle and Banner and \$250 Premium
Division Champions (if applicable)	Rosette
Division Reserve Champion (if applicable)	Rosette

**LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: MARKET LAMBS**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1ST**

1. Each exhibitor may enter no more than three (3) Market Lambs.
2. Wether and ewe lambs will be eligible to be shown.
3. Minimum weight for Lambs is 90 lbs. except Southdowns and Dorpers. Minimum weight for Southdowns and Dorpers is 80 lbs. A tolerance of 3 pounds will be given at weigh-in.
4. Under the direction of the Lamb Superintendent, lambs will be classified and weighted directly off the trailer. Underweight lambs will be sifted. Lambs will be divided as equally as possible into weight classes for the respective breed classifications (Southdown, Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, Dorper, and Medium Wool) with a minimum of 6 animals within a breed classification to make more than one class. Class size and number will be determined by the number of entries within each classification.
5. Lambs will be classified by the official classifier using the breed classification standards found in the current HLSR Premium book. A link will be placed here once online – <http://www.hlsr.com>
6. There will be no shearing/clipping with cord type electrical clippers allowed in the barn after check in. Touch up clipping with hand held battery operated clippers, scissors, and hand shears will be allowed.
7. The Department Superintendent will determine that all lambs are uniformly slick shorn from the knee joint and hock joint before the time of weigh-in. Lambs not meeting the approval of the Department Superintendent will be allowed to remove the lamb from the barn for reshearing and to be presented to the Lamb Superintendent before the check in deadline. All lambs found to still be in violation of this rule will be disqualified from the show.
9. No painting, powdering, artificial coloring, or adhesives will be allowed.
10. All market lambs must follow the Eligibility of Animals Rule #3 and Livestock Validation Rule #11. Lambs must have the state validation tag and tattoo in the ear at the time of arrival on the grounds. The Board President may use nose prints to settle validation questions at the Show. All TLBA (Texas Lamb Breeders Association) ear tags must be in place before arriving at validation. The state validation committee WILL NOT place TLBA ear tags in lambs' ears.
11. Administration of medications to all market animals must follow Junior Livestock Rule #7.

**AWARDS:**

Grand Champion  
Reserve Grand Champion  
Breed Champions  
Reserve Breed Champions

Buckle and Banner  
Buckle and Banner  
Rosette  
Rosette

**CLASS:**

1. Light-Weight Finewool
2. Middle-Weight Finewool
3. Heavy-Weight Finewool
4. Champion Finewool Lamb
5. Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb
  
6. Light-Weight Finewool Cross
7. Middle-Weight Finewool Cross
8. Heavy-Weight Finewool Cross
9. Champion Fine Wool Cross Lamb
10. Reserve Champion Fine Wool Cross Lamb
  
11. Light-Weight Southdown
12. Middle-Weight Southdown
13. Heavy-Weight Southdown
14. Champion Southdown Lamb
15. Reserve Champion Southdown Lamb
  
16. Light-Weight Dorper
17. Middle-Weight Dorper
18. Heavy-Weight Dorper
19. Champion Dorper Lamb
20. Reserve Champion Dorper Lamb
  
21. Light-Weight Medium Wool
22. Middle-Weight Medium Wool
23. Light Heavy Weight Medium Wool
24. Heavy-Weight Medium Wool
25. Champion Medium Wool Lamb
26. Reserve Champion Medium Wool Lamb
  
27. Grand Champion Market Lamb
28. Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb

**LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: MARKET MEAT GOATS**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1ST**

1. Each exhibitor may enter no more than three (3) Market Meat Goats.
2. Wether and doe goats may be shown.
3. The minimum weight for goats is 50 lbs. The Maximum weight for goats is 120 lbs. A tolerance of 3 pounds will be allowed beyond the minimum and maximum weights at weigh-in.
4. Exhibitors are required to have all goats dehorned or to have horns tipped before arrival at the Show.
5. There will be no shearing/clipping with cord type electrical clippers allowed in the barn after check in. Touch up clipping with hand held battery operated clippers, scissors, and hand shears will be allowed.
6. Goats will be weighed directly off of the trailer, free of blanket and chain, under the direction of the Department Superintendent and divided into ten (10) weight classes.
7. Goats must be shorn slick (with no indication of blocking) above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch, upon arrival to the Show Grounds. Goats not meeting the approval of the Goat Superintendent will be allowed to remove the goat from the barn for reshearing, to be presented to the Goat Superintendent before check in closes. All goats found to still be in violation of this rule will be disqualified from the show.
8. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
9. No painting, powdering, artificial coloring, or adhesives will be allowed.
10. All market goats must follow the Eligibility of Animals Rule #3 and Livestock Validation Rule #11. Goats must have the state validation tag and tattoo in the ear at the time of arrival on the grounds. All TGBA (Texas Goat Breeders Association) ear tags must be in place before arriving at validation. The state validation committee WILL NOT place GLBA ear tags in lambs' ears.
11. Administration of medications to all market animals must follow Junior Livestock Rule #7.

**AWARDS:**

Grand Champion  
Reserve Grand Champion  
Division Champions

Buckle and Banner  
Buckle and Banner  
Rosette

**CLASS:**

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| 1. Class # 1                           | 10. Class # 10 – Champion Med Wt Division |
| 2. Class # 2                           | 11. Class #11 – Reserve Med Wt Division   |
| 3. Class # 3                           | 12. Class #12                             |
| 4. Class # 4                           | 13. Class #13                             |
| 5. Class # 5 – Champion Lt Wt Division | 14. Class #14                             |
| 6. Class # 6 – Reserve Lt Wt Division  | 15. Class #15 – Champion Hvy Wt Division  |
| 7. Class # 7                           | 16. Class #16 – Reserve Hvy Wt Division   |
| 8. Class # 8                           | 17. Grand Champion Meat Goat              |
| 9. Class # 9                           | 18. Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat      |



**LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: MARKET SWINE  
ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1ST**

1. Each exhibitor may enter no more than three (3) Market Swine.
2. Barrows and/or Gilts may be entered for competition.
3. Swine must weigh between 115 and 280 lbs. inclusive. A tolerance of 10 pounds will be given beyond the minimum and maximum weights at weigh-in.
4. Under the direction of the Swine Superintendent, swine will be classified and weighed directly off of the trailer. Swine will be divided by breeds (Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, OPB, and Cross Bred) and then weight. A minimum of six (6) entries to make a breed and seven (7) within a classification to make more than one (1) class. Class sizes and number will be determined by the number of entries within each breed. Classification will be done at the time of weigh in and is final and cannot be appealed. Any animal that does not meet breed classification will be placed in a cross bred class. Swine will be classified by the official classifier using the breed classification standards found in the current HLSR Premium book at <http://www.hlsr.com>.
5. There will be no shearing/clipping with cord type electrical clippers allowed in the barn after check in. Touch up clipping with hand held battery operated clippers, scissors, and hand shears will be allowed.
6. The use of talc, oils or any foreign material will not be permitted. No drenching methods can be used.
7. All market swine must follow the Eligibility of Animals Rule #3 and Livestock Validation Rule #11. Swine must have the state validation tag in the ear at the time of arrival on the grounds. Any swine arriving at the Show Grounds without the appropriate ear tag and notches will be subject to disqualification.
8. Administration of medications to all market animals must follow Junior Livestock Rule #7.
9. Classes will be broken as evenly as possible by breed under the direction of the Swine Superintendent and the Livestock Superintendent using the following sliding scale:
  - a. 1-6 in a Breed – 1 Class
  - b. 7-30 in a Breed – 2 Classes
  - c. 31-45 in a Breed – 3 Classes
  - d. 46-60 in a Breed – 4 Classes
  - e. 61-75 in a Breed – 5 Classes
  - f. 76-90 in a Breed – 6 Classes
  - g. 91-105 in a Breed – 7 Classes
  - h. 106-120 in a Breed – 8 Classes
  - i. 121-135 in a Breed – 9 Classes
  - j. 136-150 in a Breed – 10 Classes
10. If a breed has eight (8) or more classes the Swine Superintendent may create division champion classes.

**AWARDS:**

Grand Champion  
Reserve Grand Champion  
Breed Champions  
Reserve Breed Champions

Buckle and Banner  
Buckle and Banner  
Rosette  
Rosette

**PRELIMINARY CLASSES:**

1. Light-Weight Duroc
2. Middle-Weight Duroc
3. Heavy-Weight Duroc
4. Champion Duroc
5. Reserve Champion Duroc
  
6. Light-Weight Hampshire
7. Middle-Weight Hampshire
8. Heavy-Weight Hampshire
9. Champion Hampshire
10. Reserve Champion Hampshire
  
11. Light-Weight Yorkshire
12. Middle-Weight Yorkshire
13. Heavy-Weight Yorkshire
14. Champion Yorkshire
15. Reserve Champion Yorkshire
  
16. Light-Weight OPB
17. Middle-Weight OPB
18. Heavy-Weight OPB
19. Champion OPB
20. Reserve Champion OPB
  
21. Light-Weight Crossbred
22. Middle-Weight Crossbred
23. Heavy-Weight Crossbred
24. Champion Crossbred
25. Reserve Champion Crossbred
  
26. Grand Champion Market Swine
27. Reserve Champion Market Swine

## LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: MARKET BROILERS

**HATCH DATE: TBD | ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1ST**

1. An exhibitor is required to purchase a minimum order of twenty-five (25) birds with a maximum of seventy-five birds (75) in lots of twenty-five (25). The cost per chick is \$2.00.
2. Families may cross validate a minimum of twenty-five (25) birds with a maximum of seventy-five (75) birds per family member. Families that choose to cross validate must pick a single club/chapter to place their chick order through and list all family members that will be cross validating on the official chick order form.
3. A maximum of two (2) chicks per individual or family order may be replaced at chick pick up.
4. Only AST/CEA's may order chicks through the TCYS Office using the order form available at online.
5. Each exhibitor will be tagged and assigned a unique identification wing band numbers for their fryer order (75 maximum) from which they must select their fryer entry.
6. The birds must have their original and un-tampered wing bands at the time of entry. Birds losing their wing band, unless the wing band is lost while in possession of the Show Official, will be sifted.
7. Exhibitors may enter and exhibit a single pen of cockerels and/or a single pen of pullets. If an exhibitor chooses to exhibit the additional pen, an additional entry fee will be required at the time of entry.
8. At check-in, the judge will do a preliminary judging and will sift for sex, wing bands, parasites, fitness, and quality. Each exhibitor is entitled to have four (4) birds available for inspection per pen. The judge shall have the discretion to substitute the extra bird in the pen. Three (3) birds will be designated as birds for show. The fourth bird will only be made available for show if the judge requests a replacement bird due to sift findings during inspection. Any mixed pens of cockerels and pullets will be shown in the cockerel class.
9. There will be no weight limits.
10. Exhibitors will furnish their own feed, water, and containers. Show will furnish pens and shavings.
11. No bird substitutions will be allowed after the birds have been inspected.
12. Administration of medications to all market animals must follow Junior Livestock Rule #7.
13. Assistant showman who assist with Pen of Fryers, must be in accordance with our "Exhibitor Eligibility" rule 3, located in our general rules and the "Exhibitor Substitution" rule 24, located in our livestock rules.
14. Sifted birds will be released to the exhibitor and removed from the Show Grounds within two hours of sift.
15. Show birds will be released to the exhibitor and removed from the Show Grounds at the noted release time.

### **AWARDS:**

Grand Champion  
Reserve Grand Champion

Buckle and Banner  
Buckle and Banner

### **CLASS:**

1. Pullet Class
2. Cockerel Class
3. Grand Champion Market Broilers
4. Reserve Grand Champion Market Broilers

**LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: MARKET TURKEYS**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1ST**

1. Turkeys will be commercial strain; all poults will be hatched from eggs produced by the same breeder flock.
2. Only Agriculture Science Teachers or County Extension Agents can order these poults through Texas A&M University using major show entry procedures and hatch dates.
3. Each poult will be identified with a "Special" consecutively numbered wing band and a distinguished mark.
4. Each exhibitor may enter one tom and one hen in the show.
5. An exhibitor may show a turkey with any band number as long as that number falls within the series originally assigned to their family and indicated on the validation form on file at the TCYS Office.
6. The birds will be wing tagged by the breeder for identification. The birds must have their original and un-tampered wing bands at the time of entry. Birds losing their wing band, unless the wing band is lost while in the possession of the Show Official, will be sifted.
7. At check-in, a preliminary judging and will sift for wing bands, parasites, fitness, and quality. Each exhibitor is entitled to have two (2) birds available for inspection. The judge shall have the discretion to substitute the extra bird in the pen. One (1) bird will be designated as the bird for show. The second bird will only be made available for show if the judge requests a replacement bird due to sift findings during inspection.
8. There will be no weight limits.
9. Exhibitors will furnish their own feed, water, feed and water containers. Pens will be furnished by the show.
10. No bird substitutions will be allowed after the birds have been inspected.
11. Turkeys will be validated according to the instructions on the validation certificate approved by the Board. Wing band numbers must be supplied to the Travis County Youth Show Office, on the appropriate form, within ten (10) days from date of hatch in order to remain an eligible entry.
12. Administration of medications to all market animals must follow Junior Livestock Rule #7.
13. Sifted birds will be released to the exhibitor and removed from the Show Grounds within two hours of sift.
14. Show birds will be released to the exhibitor and removed from the Show Grounds at the noted release time.

**AWARDS:**

Grand Champion  
Reserve Grand Champion

Buckle and Banner  
Buckle and Banner

**CLASS:**

1. Turkey Hens
2. Turkey Toms
3. Grand Champion Turkey
4. Reserve Grand Champion Turkey

**LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: MEAT RABBITS**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1ST**

1. Each Exhibitor may enter one (1) pen of standard meat rabbits or a single (1) meat rabbit fryer. Exhibited single meat rabbit fryers **will not** be eligible to participate in the Youth Auction but awarded ribbons based on placing.
2. Meat pen definition: Pen will consist of three (3) animals. Each animal shall weigh at least 3.5 pounds and not over 5.5 pounds and shall not be over 70 days of age. All three (3) rabbits shall be the same breed and be purebred with a 2 oz. tolerance per rabbit.
3. Single fryer rabbit definition: One single animal weighing at least 3.5 pounds and not over 5.5 pounds and shall not be over 70 days of age. A 2oz. tolerance will be allowed at the weigh in table.
4. VALIDATION/TATTOOS: Exhibitors must have ownership and possession of meat rabbit pens prior to the validation date. Tattoos will be placed in the rabbits left ear for permanent identification at validation. No breeder tattoos or markings should be placed in the left ear prior to validations. Each exhibitor is allowed to validate a maximum of twelve (12) meat rabbits of the same breed, the first four will be validated free, and all others will be \$1 each. In the case of cross validation within families, twelve (12) meat rabbits of the same breed may be validated per family member entered in the Show (i.e. A family of two exhibitors can validate no more than twenty-four (24) meat rabbits of the same breed, a family of three can validate no more than thirty-six (36) meat rabbits of the same breed and so on.). Validation will occur at a location and time TBD.
5. A Show Official appointed by the Board of Directors will sift all rabbits as they enter the show. The rabbit show will follow ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) rules. This is NOT an ARBA sanctioned show.
6. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed, water, and feed and water containers.
7. No substitutions of rabbits will be allowed after the rabbits enter the exhibition area.
8. Administration of medications to all market animals must follow Junior Livestock Rule #7.
9. All sifted rabbits will be released back to the exhibitor and must be removed from the Show Grounds within two hours of sift.
10. All show rabbits will be released back to the exhibitor and must be removed from the Show Grounds during designated release times.

**AWARDS:**

Grand Champion Meat Pen

Buckle and Banner

Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen

Buckle and Banner

**CLASS:**

1. Single Fryers
2. Meat Pens
3. Grand Champion Meat Pen
4. Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen

## LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES: SHOWMANSHIP

1. In the Large Animal divisions, showmanship will be handled by the species judge and will be open to all youth who wish to participate within the species they showed. Showmanship will take place after the judging of the species.
2. In the Small Animal divisions, showmanship will be limited to an online Skill-A-Thon competition where registered exhibitors may voluntarily compete in a quiz-based contest to demonstrate their knowledge of the species. **The top rabbit placing skill-a-thon scores in each age division, will be invited back to compete for overall showmanship at the conclusion of the species judging. The top poultry placing skill-a-thon scores in each age division will be awarded as placed by the quiz.**
3. Exhibitors participating in showmanship must show an animal that is owned and exhibited by them during the current year's show.
4. Showmanship will be divided into the following divisions:
  - a. Pee Wee (ages 5-8)
  - b. Juniors (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)
  - c. Seniors (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders)
5. All showmanship rabbits must come from the exhibitor's meat pen. No outside rabbits may be utilized in showmanship competition.
6. Placings will be awarded to 1st-3rd in each division.
7. Pee Wee Showmanship: Exhibitors participating in the Pee Wee livestock show portion of the Travis County Youth Show must be between 5 and 8 years of age and enrolled as a Travis County 4-H Clover Kid or sibling of an FFA member enrolled in a Travis County school. Youth have the opportunity to exhibit the following projects: Goats, Sheep, and Swine. The animal must have been exhibited during the show by an eligible exhibitor to be eligible to be exhibited during the Pee Wee showmanship events. Youth will receive a ribbon, no champion will be named.

### **AWARDS:**

#### Pee Wee

- Ribbon

#### Juniors

- First – Buckle
- Second – Banner
- Third – Rosette

#### Seniors

- First – Buckle
- Second – Banner
- Third – Rosette

**LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RULES:  
HERDSMAN AWARD**

All club, chapters and exhibitors are required to keep their pens/stalls clean and orderly at all times based on the general rules of TCYS. Participating in the Herdsman Contest is an additional opportunity and optional to all participating clubs and chapters who have entered the Travis County Youth Show.

1. Judging will take place Thursday – Saturday with the final places be made after cleanup.
2. Entry Form & Fee: Entry forms will be due at Herdsman setup with a payment of \$20/species, to be paid by the club at the time of entry. If payment is not included with entry form, the club will be disqualified.
3. Two inspections per day (1 morning & 1 afternoon) with a maximum of 40 points can be earned per walk thru. The following criteria will be used to make the selection:
  - a. Cleanliness of pens (10 Points)
  - b. Cleanliness of aisles (10 Points)
  - c. Cleanliness of animals (10 Points)
  - d. Manner in which the club exhibits their area by identifying the school & individual exhibitors (10 Points).
4. Number of awards to present in each category will be as follows:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> place \$250 and certificate
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$150 and certificate
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$75 and certificate
5. Awards will be presented at the beginning of the Auction.
6. Herdsman Awards will be given out in the following species:
  - a. Market Lamb/Goats
  - b. Swine
  - c. Market Steers

# **Travis County Youth Show Youth Fair Rules**



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## YOUTH FAIR GENERAL RULES

1. **ENTRY:** Please see the General Rules for entry information and all general rules pertaining to entries. The right is reserved to reject entirely or accept conditionally and/or refuse any accepted entry admittance to the grounds.
2. **CONTESTS AND ELIGIBILITY:** The Youth Fair and Contests of Travis County Youth Show are open to active, eligible youth members of either a Travis County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors must be a legal resident of Travis, Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays or Williamson counties. **An exhibitor may only compete in the Youth Fair/Contest if they have not entered in any other county's show.** Proof of residency and membership may be requested by TCYS Board of Directors. This applies ONLY to Youth Fair participants.
3. **ENTRY FEES:**
  - a. Little Wranglers Division - \$3.00/Entry
  - b. Junior and Senior Division - \$10.00/Entry
  - c. Plants must be purchased through TCYS. See Plant Division Rules for more information.
4. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** Each exhibitor will be permitted to enter a maximum of five (5) total entries, with no more than one (1) entry per class and/or one (1) group project.
5. **AGE GROUPS:** Exhibitors will be divided into three (3) divisions determined by grade:
  - a. Little Wranglers – Grades K-2
  - b. Juniors – Grades 3-8
  - c. Seniors – Grades 9-12
6. **SUPERVISION:** All projects must be hand made by exhibitor under adult supervision. Finished projects may not be store bought but may be made from kits.
7. **PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM:** Exhibitor's Project Identification Forms will be provided at check-in.
8. **JUDGING:** Exhibit areas will be closed during judging. Judges' decisions are final.
9. **PROJECT QUALIFICATIONS:** **Projects that have been released back to the exhibitor from a Travis County Youth Show cannot be re-entered in a Travis County Youth Show in following years.**
10. **GROUP PROJECTS:** Group projects are permitted in some divisions to allow two or more youth to work together on one project. Group project exhibitor guidelines:
  - a. Group project age groups will be determined by the grade of the oldest group member.
  - b. An exhibitor may participate in ONLY ONE group project.
  - c. Complete descriptions must be given for each entry. All group members and their parent or guardian must sign the entry form. The group must be submitted as a new exhibitor, not under one group member.
  - d. Group project proceeds will be made payable to the club/chapter, indicated on the entry form.
  - e. All members participating in a group project must be present at time of judging for personal interview on the project. If eligible members are not present, points will be deducted. (Interviews scheduled at Check-in.)
11. **CLASSIFICATIONS:** Decision of Youth Fair Superintendent is final. The Youth Fair General Superintendent will resolve any classifications questions and reserves the right to combine and/or divide any class for more competitive judging. Entries must be appropriate for the division/class entered and must meet all special rules of the division/class or it will be disqualified. The Youth Fair Superintendent may move an entry to another division/class in order to group similar items for judging. Age groups will not be combined, except in the Ag Mech Division.
12. **SAFETY:** All projects must meet safety standards/electrical codes. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
13. **NO LIVE ANIMALS.**

14. **PROJECT WORKSHEETS:** All exhibitors shall prepare a written project worksheet of their entry, which will be submitted with the project at the time of check-in. **Projects worksheets are worth 25% in judging each project.**  
Project Worksheet Guidelines:
- The project worksheet may be typed or neatly written by the exhibitor and submitted ONLY on the Official Youth Fair project worksheet form. No other pages may be attached. (Tips: Include your costs, materials used, tools, skills learned, process in the creation of your project. Tell the judges the story of your project.)
  - No photographs of exhibitors may be attached, except for Group & Ag/Mech projects. Project worksheets are required for Divisions A, B, C, E, F, G, H and I. See Division D and J Rules for class specific guidelines.
  - RECIPE CARDS:** A complete recipe must be included for all entries in Division A and B on official TCYS Recipe Forms, submitted along with a Project Worksheet. Only Baked Division A recipes must be pre-approved.
  - The project worksheet can be obtained on the website.
  - The worksheet must be complete and turned in with the project at check-in. Projects will not be accepted without completed project worksheets.
15. **COUNTRY STORE:** Exhibitors have an opportunity to sell non-auction selling entries through the Country Store.
- All entries in Divisions A become the property of TCYS at Check-in. A Bake Sale will be held the day after judging. Portions of Class and Reserve Champions will be sold in the Bake Sale as a tasting plate.
  - All money received at the Country Store goes directly to the exhibitor; TCYS retains no commission.
  - There is a minimum sale price of \$5.00 per item. Country Store volunteers are responsible for posting the price of each project on the Project Identification Form and on the Project.
  - Items may be purchased by the public through the Country Store when open. Buyers will write their check directly to the exhibitor which will be held until Check-out. These checks along with placing ribbons, judges' comments and Project Worksheets will be given to exhibitors at Check-out in one packet per exhibitor. Buyers of a group project will write a check to the group's club/chapter.
16. **RELEASE OF EXHIBITS:** BAKED FOODS become property of TCYS and will not be released. All other projects MUST be picked up during the designated release time. Projects NOT claimed become property of TCYS. NO EXCEPTIONS.
17. **RIBBONS:** Ribbons will be placed on projects upon completion of judging. All ribbons not picked up during the designated release time will be forfeited. Blue and red ribbons will be awarded on the basis of quality of entry rather than 1st, 2nd, or 3rd placings. More than one blue award could be given in a particular class.
18. **AWARDS & PRIZES:** Rosettes will be awarded to Class Champions and Reserve Class Champions provided they are blue ribbon quality. Projects receiving blue ribbons are eligible for a Class Champion award. It is possible that not every class will have a Class Champion, even if there are blue ribbons awarded in that class.
19. **PROJECT ACCESSORIES:** No accessories may be added to the project. Ex: For a candle holder, do not add candles.

#### LITTLE WRANGLER YOUTH FAIR CLASSES

200. Cupcakes and Muffins (13 Plate)
201. Drop Cookies (13 per plate)
202. Plaster Craft/Paper Mache
203. Paintings (finger painting, tempera, etc.)
204. Drawings (crayons, pencils, markers, etc.)
205. Decorated T-Shirts
206. Plants
207. Toys/Structures (Lego's, Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs, etc.)
208. Loom Weaving (Potholders, etc.)
209. Clay/Dough Sculptures
210. Other

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH FAIR DIVISIONS

### A. BAKED FOODS DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. Cakes (Classes 1 & 2) should be in a translucent container and easily accessible. Items in classes 3-9 must be exhibited on a STURDY plate in a Ziploc bag provided by the exhibitor without any embellishments.
2. All food items & the container become the property of TCYS upon Check-in and will not be returned to the exhibitor.
3. All entries must be made from scratch, no boxed cakes, canned icing or pre-made pie crusts may be entered whatsoever. **No entry may contain perishable foods such as milk, meringue, eggs, custard, pudding, cream cheese, whipped cream, butter, canned or fresh fruit without it being baked into the entry. No cheesecakes, flans, custards, puddings or or meringue** may be entered even if it has been baked as TCYS has no capability to refrigerate entries. If pecans are used, they should be fresh and cleaned so no shell is mixed into the entry.
4. Acceptable substitutions for perishable items to consider using:  
Low fat/Non-fat Milk: coconut milk, almond milk, soy milk, rice milk, oat milk, hemp milk, flax milk  
Whole Milk: light coconut milk, soy, cashew or rice milk vegan powders  
Butter: dairy free margarine, coconut butter/oil, Ghee, Crisco (some substitutes may be too greasy, if so, use 3/4 of required quantity and substitute remaining 1/4 with a liquid)  
Evaporated Milk: full fat coconut milk, soy evaporated milk  
Condensed Milk: soy condensed milk, cream of coconut, condensed coconut milk  
Yogurt: coconut yogurts, dairy-free soy yogurt, flax yogurt, almond yogurt  
Cream Cheese: dairy-free cream cheese, vegan cream cheese, soy cream cheese, tofu spread  
Sour Cream: vegan sour cream, soy cream cheese, plain soy yogurt, Silken Tofu pureed in blender  
Half & Half: coconut milk, almond creamer, soy creamer  
Buttermilk: buttermilk powder, add 1 Tablespoon vinegar to 1 cup of any non-dairy milk
5. Entries that show obvious signs of spoilage will be disqualified. Entries will be tasted at the judge's discretion.
6. **Baked division recipe(s) must be submitted electronically on [www.traviscountyyouthshow.org/youthfair](http://www.traviscountyyouthshow.org/youthfair) by 5:00 pm on Nov 16th.** Recipes will be reviewed by a Recipe Committee must be preapproved in order to compete. Exhibitors will receive an email if the recipe is approved or disqualified. If a recipe is disqualified, the exhibitor will have 5 days to resubmit for approval and revisions may only be resubmitted once. Approved recipe card with the a unique watermark must accompany entry at check-in. Entries without this approval will not be accepted at Check-in. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR APPROVED RECIPE BY DEC 13th PLEASE CONTACT [TCYS@LIVE.COM](mailto:TCYS@LIVE.COM).** TCYS WILL NOT resend recipes after Dec 18th prior to the show.
7. The pre-approved recipe must be attached to your project worksheet as one card (ex: one total submission for cake and frosting). By entering, the exhibitor gives TCYS permission to publish this recipe in an official TCYS cookbook.
8. All baked foods that become eligible for the Auction must be prepared fresh for the Auction.
9. Judges criteria will include, but may not be limited to the following:
  - i. Project Worksheet (30%)
  - ii. Taste (15%)
  - iii. Texture (15%)
  - iv. Appearance (15%)
  - v. Quality (15%)

### BAKED FOODS CLASSES – DIVISON A

1. Chocolate Cakes (no cupcakes or cake balls)

2. Other Cakes (no cupcakes or cake balls) NO CHOCOLATE INGREDIENTS
3. Bar Cookies/Brownies (24 per plate) - NO TARTS
4. Other Cookies (24 per plate) - NO TARTS
5. Candies (full recipe)
6. Pies – NO TARTS, CRUST MUST BE HANDMADE and full size
7. Yeast Breads
8. Fruit or Nut Quick Breads
9. **Mystery Ingredient – Entry must highlight the ingredient and not used as a garnish. TCYS will announce the ingredient and the class(es) it may be used in by October 1st. Entries containing the mystery ingredient will be moved to this class if they meet the requirements.**

**B. PRESERVED FOOD DIVISION GENERAL RULES:**

1. Canned foods must be processed in clear standard jars with unbroken seals (paraffin seals are not acceptable). Jars must be properly sealed by pressure cooker or hot water bath method and must be detailed in recipe. Jars with dirty, rusty rings, or not properly sealed will not be accepted at Check-In. Specific jar sizes are as follows: Class 10 items must be processed in ½ pint or 1-pint size mason jars. Classes 11 and 12 must be processed in either 1 pint or 1-quart sized mason jars. Additional helpful tips: [http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/nchfp/tech\\_bull.html](http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/nchfp/tech_bull.html)
2. All dried foods must be in moisture and vapor proof bags. Dried foods in Ziploc type bags, mason jars and Tupperware type containers **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
3. All preserved foods will be judged on appearance, taste, and recipe. Preserved foods will be opened. Projects that show obvious signs of spoilage will be disqualified by the judge.
4. A complete recipe must be attached to your project, on the official TCYS Recipe Form found on the website.
5. By entering, the exhibitor gives permission for TCYS to publish this recipe in an official TCYS cookbook.
6. **NO BAKED OR PRESERVED FOOD projects at auction. Exhibitors will bring a basket in place of their project.**
7. Project must be entered with NO ADORNMENTS ON JARS OR BAGS.
8. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - i. Project Worksheet (30%)
  - ii. Texture (15%)
  - iii. Color/Appearance (packed correctly and liquid amount) (15%)
  - iv. Quality (15%)
  - v. Technique (15%)

**PRESERVED FOODS CLASSES – DIVISION B**

10. Jellies, Jams, Marmalades & Preserves (1/2 pint or 1 pint sealed jar with 1/4" headspace)
11. Pickled Vegetables (1 pint or 1 quart size sealed jar with 1/2" headspace, NO TOMATOES)
12. Barbecue Sauces (1 pint or 1 quart size sealed jar with 1/4" headspace)
13. Dried Foods, including jerky (No Wild Game) – Each entry must have 12 pieces for judging

**C. TEXTILE DIVISION GENERAL RULES:**

1. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - i. Project Worksheet (30%)
  - ii. Originality (15%)
  - iii. Workmanship/Quality (15%)
  - iv. Appearance (15%)
  - v. Complexity (15%)

### TEXTILE CLASSES – DIVISION C

14. Constructed Garments, with or without embellishments
15. Accessories (belts, scarves, button covers, etc.) All items leather must be entered in Leather in the Crafts Division, even if the item could be considered a fashion accessory.
16. Small Quilts – Smaller than 1600 square inches (wall hangings, baby blankets, etc)
17. Quilts (larger than 1600 square inches)
18. Stuffed Dolls/Animals (Sewn by Exhibitor)
19. Pillows
20. Needle Work (embroidery, cross stitch and needlepoint: do NOT cover your back stitches)
21. Knitting/Crochet

#### D. GROUP PROJECTS GENERAL RULES:

1. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - i. Binder (30%)
  - ii. Originality (15%)
  - iii. Workmanship/Quality (15%)
  - iv. Personal Interview (15%)
  - v. Degree of Difficulty (15%)
2. Each project will include an interview of all participants. Note the additional requirements for each class.
3. Project Binder: Forms may be found on the TCYS Website. Interviews will be scheduled by the Division Superintendents at Check-in. Binder must be provided at check-in and include:
  - a. A pattern/drawing of the project with detailed measurements (may be spot checked by the judges).
  - b. Photographs, in sequence, showing the stages of construction of the project.
  - c. A bill of all supplies needed for construction. An itemized list of all supplies, quantity of each, size, and cost.
  - d. A log of hours worked on the project detailing work done and by whom.
  - e. Each exhibitor should include a paragraph explaining what skills they learned while creating this project.
4. Ag/Mech Group Projects must be entered in Division J and follow the rules, guidelines, and forms if that division.

### GROUP PROJECT CLASSES – DIVISION D

22. Textiles (i.e. Quilts)
23. Wooden Indoor Furniture
24. Wooden Outdoor Furniture

#### E. ARTS DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. Any artwork on paper must be matted. All mats must be black.
2. Stretch canvas art may be no larger than 16"x20" and may have finished or unfinished edges. No visible signatures.
3. No project may be framed in any manner. Picture hangers will be provided by the show.
4. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - i. Project Worksheet (30%)
  - ii. Contrast/Depth (15%)
  - iii. Use of Color (15%)

- iv. Technique (15%)
- v. Originality (15%)

#### **ARTS CLASSES – DIVISION E**

- 25. Color drawings may use one of the following: Pencil, chalk pastels or oil pastels.
- 26. Black and white drawings may use one of the following: Charcoal, ink or pencil.
- 27. Mixed Media - Using two or more artistic media, combined into a single composition. Acceptable media: pencil, chalk pastels, oil pastels, collage, ink, marker, crayon and paint.
- 28. Paintings, oil or acrylic
- 29. Painting, tempera- water colors or gouache
- 30. Original Sculpture (clay, plaster, paper Mache, etc. – does not include Green Ware)
- 31. Small Recycled Trash to Art (Measuring 24" x 24" or less)
- 32. Large Recycled Trash to Art (Measuring over 24" x 24")

#### **F. CRAFTS DIVISION GENERAL RULES:**

- 1. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - i. Project Worksheet (30%)
  - ii. Originality (15%)
  - iii. Technique (15%)
  - iv. Workmanship/Quality (15%)
  - v. Degree of Difficulty (15%)

#### **CRAFTS CLASSES – DIVISION F**

- 33. Artistic Compositions (artificial flowers, mirrors, shadow boxes, antlers, etc.)
- 34. Jewelry & Beads – must be mounted on display board
- 35. Lamps – must be in working order and include light bulb. Will be tested by the judge.
- 36. Wreaths (No Live Plants – provide a hanging loop or door hanger for display)
- 37. Leather Craft (leather kits, tooled, carved, dyed/painted, laced/stitched)
- 38. Mosaics (Grout must be completely dry BEFORE Check-in. No damp grout or strong odor allowed.)

#### **G. PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION GENERAL RULES:**

- 1. All entries must be mounted or matted on an 11" x 14" black mat board or foam board and the photograph must be 8"x10". NOTE: THE COLOR OF THE MAT MUST BE BLACK.
- 2. No glass, no frames, no hard/Plexiglas type plastic!
- 3. Nothing extra may be glued to the photo.
- 4. All photographs must be taken by the exhibitor within the previous calendar year.
- 5. All project worksheets are to be securely taped to the back of the photograph in a way that the worksheet hangs down and can be easily read by the judges. Details to consider including: lens, camera and settings.
- 6. Photo hangers will be provided by the show.
- 7. Judge's criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - i. Project Worksheet (30%)
  - ii. Originality/Imagination (15%)
  - iii. Appropriate use of Lighting (15%)
  - iv. Color/Focus (15%)
  - v. Composition (15%)

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES – DIVISION G

39. Landscape, Flora, Scenic
40. People
41. Animal-Domestic or Wildlife
42. Food (no photos of alcohol allowed)
43. Computer Enhanced (altered/created with software, include the original image unmounted)
44. Details and Macro (details or parts of a subject)
45. Night Photography (no sunlight allowed, must be after dusk/before dawn)
46. Theme (Industrial)

### H. WOODWORKING DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. The majority of the project must be wood and constructed from raw material to qualify for these classes.
2. Items in this category will be judged on wood craftsmanship.
3. The finish applied to any woodworking project must be of a semi-transparent which permits the natural grain patterns of the wooden surface and the workmanship to be clearly visible. Any finish such as an opaque paint or solid stain that leaves a solid coat of pigment or texture on the surface covering the natural grain will be disqualified.
4. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - i. Project Worksheet (30%)
  - ii. Design/Originality (15%)
  - iii. Craftsmanship (15%)
  - iv. Technique (15%)
  - v. Complexity (15%)

## WOODWORKING CLASSES – DIVISION H

47. Wooden Furniture (Picnic table, swing, play house, patio set, chair armoire, gun cabinet, bed, etc.)
48. Small Tabletop Accessories/Decorative Items (Cutting board, writing pen, jewelry box, candle holder, clock, lamp, shelf, hat rack, mailbox, bird house, display case, etc.)
49. Large Accessories (Chest, tack box, plant stand, bookcase, stool, hall tree, hat rack, etc.)

### I. PLANTS DIVISION GENERAL RULES:

1. All plants will be purchased through the Travis County Youth Show for a fee from a local wholesale nursery. Orders and payment must be submitted online at [www.traviscountyyouthshow.org/youthfair](http://www.traviscountyyouthshow.org/youthfair) by 5:00 pm on September 20, 2024. Each participant will be given the same type of plant in the same type of pot in a specific category. Plants in each category will be provided based upon the inventory of the wholesale nursery providing the plant stock.
2. Plant pick up date, time, and location will be posted at [www.traviscountyyouthshow.org/youthfair](http://www.traviscountyyouthshow.org/youthfair).
3. Plants must be wiped clean with soap and water. No plant shines or wax may be used to gloss the foliage.
4. All plants must be living, watered prior to entry, and insect/disease free. Infested plants will be subject to removal.
5. Plant pots must be plastic, terra cotta colored. 8" in diameter for individual and no larger than 12" for dish gardens.
6. No embellishments may be glued or attached to the plants. No top dressing of the soil or additional accents may be added (example: accent stones/driftwood). Succulent Dish Gardens may contain decomposed granite.
7. Judges' criteria will include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - i. Project Worksheet (30%)

- ii. Appearance (15%)
- iii. Condition/Overall Health (15%)
- iv. Color (15%)
- v. Size (15%)

#### **PLANTS CLASSES – DIVISION I**

- 50. Foliage Plant
- 51. Succulent/Cactus
- 52. Vine Plant
- 53. Flowering Plant
- 54. Fern
- 55. Dish Gardens – Succulent/Cacti (includes at least three different types of plants)
- 56. Dish Gardens – Foliage (includes at least three different types of plants)

#### **J. AGRICULTURAL/OUTDOORS RECREATION DIVISION GENERAL RULES:**

1. Junior and Senior Exhibitors will compete against each other in this division.
2. Exhibitors should provide any equipment necessary to judge the project. Ex: Flashlight, mats or creepers, etc. All stands and display materials will become part of the overall exhibit.
3. D.O.T. rules must be followed.
4. All exhibitors will be interviewed by judges.
5. Individual projects will be competing with group projects.
6. All individual and group project exhibitors must supply a project workbook, and will be disqualified if not provided. Documentation is considered a research portfolio and should **not** be constructed as a scrapbook. Documents should be easy to read and arranged neatly in a tabbed notebook with a table of contents and numbered pages. Documentation & Research Package must include the following:
  - a) Working Drawing: Must include an original (exhibitor-drawn) multi-view drawing. Scale must be identified on the drawing. Dimensioning shown on drawing should be specific and complete enough for it to be apparent that drawing was used to plan and construct the project. Judges will spot check dimensions on projects to see if they comply with drawings. Drawing may be pencil or CAD (Computer Aided Design).
  - b) Bill of Materials (BOM): Must include a list or a description of material, including columns 1) Date, 2) Description, 3) Size, 4) Quantity, 5) Unit, 6) Cost per item, 7) Extended or Total Costs. Other information such as, OC (Opportunity Cost) to identify items that were donated but have value, PE (Professional Expenses) to identify work done by others, sum of all (Total Costs) cost including OC and PE should be shown in BOM. Vendors name and/or Purchase Order Number, etc. may be included. Invoices or Sales Receipts are recommended to be included with the BOM. BOM may be developed using computer spreadsheet program
  - c) Photographs: Show work in progress and should illustrate proper safety procedures including clothing, eye and face shields, etc. Photos should be sequenced in the order of constructing the project with labels identifying the activity and exhibitor(s) in the picture. Exhibitor(s) should be in pictures. CEA/AST should be in some of the pictures. No more than 40 pictures may be included. Additional photographs may be displayed in a separate notebook for public viewing, or may be displayed using a computer display.
  - d) Research: Papers to be included:
    - i. Projects pulled on public highways must include relevant DOT codes including Federal Lighting Table.
    - ii. Product Information (PI) bulletins and/or Safety Data Sheets (SDS) or (MSDS) must be germane to the project and should include paints and chemical supplies, etc. Manufacturer's specifications or PIs for



trailer and equipment components such as axles, springs, wheels, jacks, break-a-ways, and hydraulic cylinders should be included.

7. Judges criteria will include, but may not be limited to the following:
  - i. Workmanship (30%)
  - ii. Design and Materials (15%)
  - iii. Documentation and Research (15%)
  - iv. Degree of Difficulty (15%)
  - v. Safety (15%)
8. Exhibition only classes will not receive an auction slot. Prizes will be awarded for first place in each of these classes. Projects must come with a trailer lock provided by the exhibitor.

#### **AGRICULTURAL/OUTDOORS RECREATION CLASSES – DIVISION J**

57. Field Machinery & Equipment (Hay hauling, spraying, hydraulic, shop, mounted or pull-type tractor, and electrical shop equipment)
58. Shop Equipment (Basic Shop tables and benches, specialized work tables and benches)
59. Pick-up and ATV Equipment (Bumpers, headache racks, grill guards, or pick-up flat beds)
60. Livestock Equipment (Gates/livestock panels, squeeze chutes/restraining equipment, trim chutes, blocking stands, livestock crates and head gates, creep and self-feeders)
61. Farm Equipment Restoration (Tractors and Implements)
62. Game Equipment (Feeders, stands, and blinds)
63. Non-towable Cooking Equipment (Stationary BBQ pits, fire pits, grills, etc.)
64. Indoor and Outdoor Metal Furnitures (Project must be over 50% constructed of metal)
65. Blacksmithing (Hand Forged Knives/Utensils. Project must be over 50% hand or power forged)
66. Supplied Plan Class (Exhibitors must follow a downloadable CAD plan. Projects could include but are not limited to fire pits, shop tables, shop equipment, and furniture.)
67. EXHIBITION ONLY: Farm Equipment Restoration (Tractors and Implements)
68. EXHIBITION ONLY: Trailers
69. EXHIBITION ONLY: Towable Cooking Equipment