

**LASALLE COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW
2024-2025**

GENERAL RULES

1. Competition is open to all active* (LaSalle County) 4-H and FFA members that live in and/or attend school in LaSalle County, and they must be members of above-mentioned organizations by the last Friday of September. These individuals must be in grades third (3rd) through a senior (12th) in high school to be eligible and must have cared for and fed their animal during the entire feeding period. The feeding period begins with county validation and ends with the show and sale.
2. All animals must meet the regulations governing admission of livestock into shows set by the Texas Animal Health Commission.
3. The Board of Directors of the 4-H and FFA Booster Club reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine. A protest, complaint or grievance of a violation of these rules shall be filed in writing to any member of the Booster Club board of directors prior to the judging of the show. If the violation occurs after such time the protest, complaint, or grievance shall be filed in writing with the Booster Club board of directors no later than five (5) business days after the show. Any such filing shall be accompanied by a \$100.00 filing fee. The filing fee will be refunded if the grievance is upheld. Let it be known, that from this point forward, any mention of Board of Directors is an acknowledgement to the LaSalle County 4H/FFA Booster Club Board of Directors.
4. A sifter and classifier appointed by the show will inspect all animals entered. Animals not showing enough type, quality, finish or soundness will not be allowed to show or sell.
5. No entry fee will be charged.
6. All entries must be in their proper stall at the time set by the show and remain in place until they are released.
7. All stalls, pens, and exhibitor space must be kept clean at all times and refuse matter disposed of as the show may direct.
8. Exhibitors can show two animals of one species but cannot win both Champion and Reserve Champion of that species. If one animal wins Champion, then the other animal of that exhibitor is not eligible to show for Reserve Champion. This rule applies to market animals and not breeding animals.
9. No other youth can show or sell another exhibitor's project. Exceptions of sickness or death in the family can be made with approval of the Booster Club

Directors. If an exhibitor has more than one project in a class, or the project requires more than one exhibitor to show the project, all showmen must be either a 4-H or FFA member from LaSalle County. If an exhibitor is showing for another exhibitor, this exhibitor is not eligible for showmanship and must turn their exhibitor number to blank or not wear one.

10. The supervisor of projects – Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent – must certify that the exhibitor has completed requirements to show.
11. **All 4-H and FFA members must abide by HB 72 rules and must have passing grades the reporting period prior to the County show in order to participate.**
12. Exhibitors must own their own animals at the beginning of and throughout the feeding period beginning at county validation and must feed, care for, be fully responsible for and exhibit animals entered without any assistance during the period except for the County Extension Agent, Agricultural Science Teacher, or from other junior exhibitors, family members or project leaders in the county. This responsibility may not be transferred or assigned to any other person or place.
13. No artificial color or alterations may be added to any animal for the show or sale.
14. A dress code will be in effect for all exhibitors during the Junior Livestock Show and Sale. All exhibitors are expected to be neat and clean at all times. **No shorts or t-shirts will be allowed. All shirts or blouses must have a collar. No hats, caps or head wear during show and sale. No visible knives on exhibitor.**
15. Any exhibitor found in violation of any LaSalle County Junior Livestock Show rules shall be subject to permanent expulsion from the Junior Livestock Show and Auction and forfeiture of any proceeds.
16. Any animal validated for the LaSalle County Junior Livestock Show cannot be shown in any other county show or vice versa.
17. At time of weighing, sifting, showing, and selling, only the exhibitor will be allowed to handle the project. Due to safety and liability issues any exhibitors who **cannot** control their animal will be sifted and removed from the ring by the judge and/or the ring superintendent.
18. **Exhibitors must attend at least 50% of 4-H or FFA meetings to participate in the county show. A sign-in sheet will be required at all meetings and a copy forwarded to the Booster Club.**
19. At validation, the exhibitor and their parents and/or guardian, will receive a **copy of the rules and must sign and turn in** the entry form to a validation

committee person on that same day. Otherwise, their project(s) will not be allowed to show.

*4-H and/or FFA members may validate animals in a **family unit**. All **siblings in the same household** must appear on the entry form, with written notifications to include a legal guardian signature to the FFA advisor or the county agent or a LaSalle Co. Jr. Livestock Show Director at the date of the county validation for that species. Child's name with specific animal project (tag number) will be declared at the time of county weigh-in.

20. At validation, all animals will be tagged by a tag approved by the Booster Club. If an animal loses a validation tag, exhibitor must notify the Booster Club and three (3) directors of the Booster Club must be present to re-tag the animal.

21. Unethically Fitted Livestock

The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of an ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered and the misrepresentation of breeding status are prohibited.

Unethically fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, confirmation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means, as well as changing the normal confirmation of any part of the animal's body or using drugs, medications, or other substances (including over the counter and extra-label substances and uses) or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup or performance of the animal.

- 21.a **Verification:** The exhibitor specifically represents that no animal entered by him/her is unethically fitted, and that the breeding age are correctly stated. All animals will be required to have signatures on each entry certification stating that the animal is not unethically fitted. These forms must be signed by both the exhibitor and the parent or legal guardian.
- 21.b **Medication received prior to the show:** In instances when an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for all drug residue to completely clear the system is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most drugs and varies from animal to animal. Adequate time must have passed so that an exhibitor's animal does not test positive for drugs upon arrival. Once the animal arrives on the La Salle County Fairgrounds, they must remain free and clear of all residues of medications, drugs, chemicals and other substances.
- 21.c **Drug:** The term "drug" shall mean any substance the sale, possession or use which is regulated by federal, state or local law or regulation, as well as any substance used by the medical or veterinary professions that affects the circulatory, respiratory, musculatory, skeletal or central nervous system of any species of livestock.

21.d Inspection/Testing:

Each exhibitor, by entering or exhibiting an animal at the La Salle County Junior Livestock Show, agrees that any animal entered by him or her may be subjected to inspection or examination by any veterinarian appointed by La Salle County Junior Livestock Show Directors and that show may subject any such animal to any tests, sample-takings, or inspections that the show deems necessary or appropriate, including but not limited to testing for drugs or other substances, at any time. La Salle County Junior Livestock Show shall have the right to conduct or have conducted for all tests, inspections, or analyses it deems appropriate or necessary, including but not limited to D.N.A., blood, tissue, and urine laboratory analysis, on any animal entered in or exhibited at the La Salle County Junior Livestock Show. The exhibitor, parent or legal guardian must be present during the collection of an initial urine sample for testing and must witness, seal and sign the sample, thereby establishing that the sample was properly collected and prepared for analysis. The animal being tested will be given 1 hour to urinate for the sample. After that hour has passed, the "Stockshow Vet" has the right to draw blood in place of the urine sample. All decisions, determinations, and conclusions based on any test, inspection, analysis, or examination shall be final and conclusive without recourse against La Salle County Junior Livestock Show or any of its officers, directors, volunteers, and employees, or any veterinarian appointed by the show.

Each exhibitor by entering and exhibiting an animal or project in or at the La Salle County Junior Livestock Show, waives and releases L.C.J.L.S. from any and all claims, suits, causes of action, liabilities, damages, demands, costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees), and other losses of every sort based on, arising out of, or relating to the inspection or testing of any such animal and any ruling, decision, or action taken as a result of or in reliance on the results of any test or inspection, whether or not such testing or inspection was conducted in compliance with these rules.

21.e If exhibitor, or parent or legal guardian refused to abide by these rules their project will be automatically disqualified and deprived of all awards and premiums.

22. Exhibitors are not to mail out personal letters to prospective buyers for their own personal gain.

23. at time of sift, show and sale all animals must be presented clean with no foreign matter.

24. Animals not meeting the weight requirements will be taken off the scales, the scales checked for balance, and the animal immediately re-weighed. Animals sifted will not be allowed to compete in any aspect of the county show.
25. **Animal Welfare:** It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper and humane care and treatment to animals. The Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry at the discretion of Board of Directors. The decision of Board of Directors is final, and exhibitor has no recourse.
26. **Exhibitor Code of Ethics:** The LaSalle County Junior Livestock Show is a family friendly event. As such, an individual's conduct as an exhibitor or patron should be exemplary, and violators are subject to disqualification or removal from the grounds at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

MARKET STEERS

1. Each steer will be validated on the Saturday nearest October 1st. Any steer not validated at this time will not be eligible to show. At time of validation steers will be classified as American or Exotic.
2. Each exhibitor may show two (2) steers.
3. Market steers must weigh 1,000 pounds or more **with a five (5) pound variance** at the official weigh-in time of the show.
4. Steers will be divided by weight and division. A minimum of five (5) steers of any division classified will be required to establish a class. Three (3) Exotic classes and one (1) American class. The show committee will establish classes.
5. Steers must be halter broken and shown with a halter. Nose rings are permitted. No additional restraining devices will be allowed. **Wild and unruly animals will be sifted by the judge and/or the ring superintendent.**
6. Steers must be dehorned or scurred; otherwise, they will be sifted.
7. All steers must be sheared slick-hair less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in length. Inspection will be done by sifter at weigh-in. Animals not meeting this requirement will be sifted.

JUNIOR BREEDING BEEF

1. All entries must be owned, and a bona fide project of the boy or girl enrolled in 4-H or FFA in LaSalle County. The entry must be owned by the validation at that time. Heifers will be classified at validation by the show committee. Validation is on the Saturday nearest October 1st.
2. All heifers must have a current certificate of veterinary inspection (health papers) at show check in.
3. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show an unlimited number of animals in the junior breeding show.
4. Entries must have been born between the months of January two (2) years prior, and June prior to the show.
5. Heifers must be halter broken and shown with a halter. Nose rings are not permitted. No additional restraining devices will be allowed. **Wild and unruly animals will be sifted by the judge and/or the ring superintendent.** All exhibitors must present their animals to the sifter on weigh-in day.
6. Classes will be determined by breed and age by the show committee.
7. Heifers twenty-four (24) months or older must be certified safe with calf in writing by a veterinarian prior to the show.
8. No dual ownership is allowed.

GOATS

1. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show two (2) goats. Validation will be the Saturday nearest Dec. 1.
2. Castrated male goats and un-bred female goats will be shown together and will be divided into classes by weight.
3. The exhibitor must have owned the goat prior to validation and the goat shall have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor during the feeding period.
4. The goats must weigh between 70 and 120 pounds at the show **with a three (3) pound variance** at the official weighting or they will be sifted.
5. There will be four (4) classes of goats, divided by weights.
6. All goats must be dehorned or have horns tipped at validation.
7. All female goats must have their premise identification tag or tattoo at time of validation and the show.
8. Goats must be slick shorn and of uniform length (3/8" or less) from the knee and hock up, and to the tail switch, prior to arrival. There will be no shearing allowed on the grounds. Only hand shears and cordless clippers may be used for touch ups.

SWINE

1. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show two (2) hogs. Validation will be the Saturday nearest Dec. 1.
2. The exhibitor must have owned the pig prior to validation and the pig shall have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor during the feeding period.
3. Both barrows and gilts may be shown.
4. All breeds and crosses will be shown together. The number of classes in the Swine show will be determined by the Board of Directors once all swine have been weighed in.
5. Hogs must weigh between 235 and 280 pounds **with a three (3) pound variance** at the official weigh-in or they will be sifted.

BROILERS

1. Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter two (2) pens of broilers. Broilers will be divided by pullets or cockerels.
2. A pen of broilers will consist of three (3) birds.
3. The pens of broilers must weigh at least fifteen (15) pounds at the official weigh-in. Pens weighing under fifteen (15) pounds will be sifted.
4. Broilers will be placed on feed approximately seven (7) weeks prior to the show and ***a minimum of fifty (50) broilers per exhibitor are to be purchased and fed.*** All broilers must be purchased through the 4-H or FFA advisors. All broilers will come from the same hatch.
5. **Any exhibitor that does not remove their birds by 8 pm on the day of the auction, will be fined 10% of their total proceeds and/or banned for one year from the LaSalle County Junior Livestock Show.**

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

1. Pen of open heifers will be weighed and tagged on the 1st Saturday of November (November 2). At weigh in heifers must have a minimum average weight of 500 and a maximum of 700 pounds.
2. Two commercial or registered heifers of any breed or cross constitute a pen. Exhibitors may have one alternate for substitution. The exhibitor must own all heifers, and **only one pen is allowed per exhibitor.** Pens with less than 2 (due to illness or loss) will be placed last in the sale order. If less than 2 heifers in a pen, their score will be zero.
3. Heifers must gain an average of 1 pound per day from tag-in to final weigh in or will be sifted. The number of days for project for 2024-2025 will be **119 days.**
4. Heifers must be calfhood vaccinated for brucellosis by final weigh in. Exhibitors are required to have health paper showing proof of calfhood vaccination (brucellosis) and open status with them at the time of the show.
5. Exhibitors will be required to complete a record book on their project. Record books will be given to the exhibitors at validation with information on how to fill out. All animals (2 or 3) validated will be included in the record book. Completed record books shall not contain more than 5 pages of support material including pictures of project. At the final weigh-in on March 1 final information on completing the record book will be discussed. Exhibitors must turn in the completed record book by 5 p.m. on Tuesday March 4 and they will be judged by a committee on March 6. Record books will be on display until after the commercial heifer sale.
6. Judging:
Heifers must be in place by 9:00 am on Thursday March 6. The heifers will

be judged by a committee on March 6 beginning at 10:00 am. Interviews will start at approximately 11:00 am on Thursday March 6 beginning with juniors followed by seniors. Order of interviews will be by drawing after all heifers are in place. Final placing of heifers will be determined by using the following scoring system.

Heifers (60%) – Heifers will be judged on quality, uniformity and value as replacement heifers in South Texas.

Record Book (20%) – Emphasis will be placed on being complete, accurate and neat.

Interview (20%) – Possible questions to be asked during the interview will be given to exhibitors at validation.

If the total score is a tie, the **tie breaker** will be the heifer score, followed by interview, followed by record book.

SHOWMANSHIP AWARD

1. Awards will be given to the top showman in the junior, intermediate, and senior levels in beef, goat, and swine species. Junior will be grades 3-5, Intermediate grades 6-8, and senior grades 9-12.
2. The top 5 showman in each age division will be selected during the market show. Upon completion of the Grand and Reserve Champion of that species being named, the top 5 showman will be invited back to the ring for the showmanship drive.
3. Showmanship winners will be announced and awarded their buckles prior to the start of the premium sale (during the awards presentation)

AUCTION

1. The market sale of the LaSalle County Junior Livestock show is a premium auction. Registered bidders understand that a premium auction acts as a fundraiser for the student exhibitor. No transfer of lease or ownership is implied when a lot is designated as a “premium auction” item.
2. No exhibitor can sell more than one (1) Market animal project & 1 pen of commercial heifers in the auction. Commercial heifers are not considered market animals.

3. the Junior Livestock Auction will sell 85% of unique exhibitors. An exhibitor is defined as an individual who shows their project in the show ring or outside pen.
4. The sale order will be according to placing of the animals in the show. The Grand Champion Steer will sell first followed by the Grand Champion Goat, Swine, and Broilers. The Reserve Champions will sell next in the same order. Following the Reserve Champions will be all the remaining steers followed by goats, swine, and broilers, as determined by placing in their classes. Following the premium auction, will be the Commercial Heifer sale (where the Grand will sell first, followed by the reserve, followed by remaining numerical placings). At the conclusion of the Commercial Heifer sale will be the Ag Mechanics sale.
5. If an exhibitor is not in their proper place at time of sifting, showing, or at the auction, they will be automatically disqualified unless three (3) or more directors approve the change *at that time*.
6. Exhibitors with multiple animals making the sale, must sell their highest placing animals.
7. Animals going through the auction should be presented as they were judged. No decorations are allowed.
8. No market animal shall bring more through the auction than the Grand Champion or the highest placing animal in each species. Any amount bid over the price of the Grand Champion or the highest placing animal in the species will be distributed by the Booster Club.
9. **An acceptable record book and thank you letter** must be turned in by the second (2nd) Thursday in April by noon or a penalty of 1% per day of the exhibitors' sale proceeds will be withheld. Any funds withheld for penalty will be retained for redistribution by the Booster Club.**
10. All checks are valid for 90 days. Checks not cashed within **90 days** are subject to \$100.00 a week penalties.

11. "ADD-ONS" will only be accepted until the end of the Junior Livestock Show Auction on sale day. Invoices for only more than \$250.00 otherwise will have to be paid at the end of the auction. Only those exhibitors that have a lot # in the live sale shall qualify for an add-on through the LaSalle County 4-H and FFA Booster Club.

*** Active means during the entire feeding program.**

****An acceptable thank you letter must be hand-written, legible, and contain at least three (3) paragraphs.**

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EXHIBITOR ENTRY FORM

This is to certify that I am entering an animal project in the LaSalle County Junior Livestock Show and that I have read and agree to abide by the following:

1. I have received a copy of the rules for the Junior Livestock Show.
2. There will be several project meetings for each animal species during the feeding period. Each exhibitor is encouraged to attend all meetings with your animal project.
3. I understand that I am required to work at the show barn during the county show at any appointed work shift in order to participate.
4. I understand that 4-H and FFA members must abide by HB 72 rules and that I must have passing grades the reporting period prior to the County Show in order to participate.
5. I understand that I am required to write thank you letters to the buyer(s) of my project and supporters of the Junior Livestock Show and must turn in a complete project record form (expenses and income form) prior to receiving my check for my animal project. Record books and thank you letters* must be turned in by the second (2nd) Thursday in April or a penalty of 1% per day of the exhibitor's sale proceeds will be withheld.
6. I understand that I must abide by the dress code as stated in the Junior Livestock Show rules.
7. All market animals must be in compliance with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act. 1) Animals must be in good health and carcass free of drug or chemical residue. 2) Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed. 3) If chemical or drug residues are found in the tissue, the entire carcass may be condemned. If any of these conditions exist, the exhibitor forfeits all rights to sale price. All animals are subject to drug and DNA testing at any time and must comply with all parts of general rule 21.
8. Directors of the Booster Club reserve the right to physically inspect any project(s) during the feeding period.
9. **This completed form is due on the same day of the validation of the project. If not, the project will not be entered and not able to participate.**

*** An acceptable thank you letter must be hand-written, legible, and contain at least three (3) paragraphs.**

Date _____ Family _____ NON-Family _____

Animal Project (species) _____

Animal Tag Numbers (For office use only) _____

4-H _____ FFA _____ or Both _____ D.O.B. _____
Grade Level at time of show _____

X _____
Student- Please print your name

X _____
Student- Please sign your name

X _____
Parent- Please print your name

X _____
Parent- Please sign your name

I (parent) am the legal guardian of-

(Please print child's name)

Address- _____

Telephone number- _____

Physical location of project animal(s) _____

Received by: _____

